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## Briefly

### Fair to open

The annual Madison County Fair will open Sunday at Lindedale Park, Highland, with a queen to be crowned during a pageant at 8 o'clock on the opening night. Four-day fair will be observed Monday, Farmers' Appreciation Day on Tuesday, Disability Awareness Day on Wednesday, Highland Day on Thursday, July 29, and Senior Citizen Day on Friday, July 30.

### Baker reunion

The Baker family held its 6th annual reunion at Wilson Park, with 100 descendants attending, traveling from Texas, Missouri, Ohio, New York and various cities in Illinois. Local members attending were from the Baker, Conreux and Lesing families. It was noted that four babies were born in the past year, including twins born to Robert and Rev Conreux.

### Food pantry

The Rescue Mission, 1536 Fourth St., Madison, will operate a food pantry from 2 to 4 p.m. today and from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday.

### Imperial dance

The Singles Connection group will take Imperial dance lessons at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Collinsville American Legion, 1022 Vandalia.

### Computer club

The Madison County Computer Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at Well United Church, 180 Cottonwood Road, east of Highway 159.

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## Deaths

Helen Alsop  
Frank Foley  
Roy Hays Sr.  
Randall Winter

## Lottery

Results in Illinois were:  
July 21: 8-9; Pick 4: 5-0-5  
Little Lotto Game  
1-2-3-4-5-6  
7-10-12-30-36-02  
July 20: 2-4-5; Pick 4: 8-0-6  
July 19: 0-1-6; Pick 4: 0-1-1-5  
Little Lotto Game  
05-09-11-15-29  
July 18: 3-2-7; Pick 4: 0-5-2-4  
July 17: 4-5-7; Pick 4: 0-5-2-7  
Little Lotto Game  
04-20-27-35-36-42

## 75 years ago

July 16, 1918.  
A large mill of the Kettle River Creosote Works in Madison was destroyed in a fire. The fire started from sparks falling from an engine, which passed near the mill. Damage was estimated at \$50,000 and was mainly contained to powerful dynamos and other machinery.

## Trivia

At what level did the Mississippi crest during the flood of 1987?

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## Nature sends stormy message across area

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

Tuesday's sudden storm here dumped 17 inches of rain in its first 15 minutes — flooding dozens of streets and hundreds of basements — and its high winds felled hundreds of tree limbs and left large areas without electricity.

A freak wind shear destroyed the automobile repair garage at Venice Gas and Oil on Highway 3 in downtown Venice.

What witnesses described as "wind you could see" appeared at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Highway 3 and, without ever touching ground, headed north and passed over the garage before disappearing high in the sky above the Venice Package Liquor building on Broadway.

The wind blew the roof of the garage across the street and pecked the remainder of the building up off the foundation so neatly that its anchoring nails were not bent.

A roadster belonging to owner Silver Franklin that was parked in one of the bays was not damaged.

Franklin's gas station and convenience market across the street were unharmed, but like much of Venice remained without electricity Wednesday morning.

"As soon as we get power, we're set to open," Franklin said. "I'm glad it didn't get the store and I'm really glad I've got insurance."

Franklin and his workers were salvaging equipment and tools at the garage Wednesday and he said the insurance adjuster had already made an inspection.

Almost all of Venice and large areas of Madison were without electric and telephone service



Workers sort and clean up debris from the Venice Gas & Oil garage at the corner of Route 3 and Lincoln Avenue after Tuesday night's storm.

through the night and about half of Venice remained without electricity Wednesday morning. All electric power was expected to be restored by Wednesday afternoon.

Large areas of Granite City, Madison and Venice experienced temporary flooding after the storm — which ended up dropping two inches of rain in its

half-hour duration — and dozens of streets were blocked by flooding and tree limbs.

The Madison police station received several hundred telephone calls during the storm and, because telephone service was out at the Venice Police Station and Illinois Power lost radio power during the storm, the

(Sta. photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Madison dispatchers handled those calls as well.

The Madison fire department was called out twice during the storm and downed power lines on Collinsville Avenue between Madison and Venice trapped a truck driver inside his truck for more than half an hour.

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## Council seeks drug testing for workers

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Every city employee will be subject to random drug testing if city leaders have their way.

Following a 45-minute closed session Tuesday night, the City Council authorized its attorney staff to discuss a random drug and alcohol-testing program in negotiations with unions representing all 230 city employees.

Elective officials would also be subject to random testing under the proposal, but it was unclear what penalties, if any, could be imposed upon them in the event a "dirty" sample is obtained.

The police department, with about 50 employees, is the only city department with a random drug testing policy in place. It is also the only city department whose employees are working under a current contract.

Representatives from Drug Intervention Services of America, Inc.

Friday night that a drug-testing policy must have four components: pre-employment testing, ongoing random testing, testing when there is reasonable suspicion and post-accident testing — to be effective.

"I believe all four components are necessary for an effective drug testing program," said Frank Caruzzo of DISA.

He said that quality assurance procedures make the company's testing results "virtually 100 percent accurate."

Safety Director Lynn Kozar said the program would cost the city about \$3,500 annually to randomly test up to 25 percent of all

employees each year.

Alderman Kim Affolter, chairman of the aldermanic Insurance and Safety Committee, said that city firefighters have proposed a drug-testing policy, but that that policy requires only post-accident and reasonable suspicion testing and does not include random testing.

"We feel that a program must include random testing to be effective," Affolter said.

He said that department heads may be reluctant to order employees, who may be friends or relatives, to undergo testing.

The police department policy will be used as a model program during negotiations, Affolter said.

Police Chief Jim Lengyel explained that his department implemented its program several years ago with the blessing of the police officers' union.

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## Madison trash pickup to cost \$8

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

Madison aldermen agreed Wednesday to proceed with a proposal to begin charging residents \$8 a month for trash collection.

After the Madison City Council paid its bi-weekly bills of \$46,000 at its meeting Tuesday, Madison was left with only about \$180,000 to its name.

If we don't find a way of bringing in money right now or in two months, maybe three, we will not have the money to cover our checks," Alderman Ron Grzywacz told the City Council. "We can't be putting this off two more weeks and two more weeks and two more weeks. We need to do something now."

Meeting as a committee of the whole Wednesday in response to Grzywacz's challenge, the aldermen opted to consider the collection fee over proposals for a 5 percent utility tax on telephone and water service or a general corporate property tax of .33 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The collection fee would raise about \$240,000 a year, the utility tax would raise about \$88,000 a year and the general corporate tax about \$50,000 a year. The city expects to have a revenue shortfall of about \$240,000 in the next year.

In straw polls, the aldermen selected the collection fee over implementing either or both of the taxes.

"I think the public hearing (July 13) made it pretty clear that our citizens don't want any more taxes, but would be willing to pay a garbage fee," said Alderman Michael Vrabeck. "But that's with the understanding that we use the money to pay our workers and that the trash is

really picked up."

Vrabeck, along with the majority of the aldermen, asked for some sort of assurance that, if the fee is charged, the four laid-off street department workers will be called back.

City Attorney Casper Nighossian said the money from the fee cannot be earmarked and the current financial situation of the city means there can be no guarantee all, or even any, of the workers will be called back.

"If there is money left in the general fund after paying the bills I'm sure the mayor and the City Council will call back the workers," Nighossian said.

But, Nighossian said, the city's general fund now owes "a substantial amount" to the city's special funds; a debt he said could be as high as \$300,000. When bills come due to be paid from those special funds, the

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## Street department efficiency debated

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

The ongoing dispute between Street Superintendent Clayton "Jug" Harrison and Alderman Dan Partney is heating up.

Each official fired verbal shots at the other during Tuesday night's City Council meeting.

Partney, chairman of the aldermanic Street and Alley Committee, criticized Harrison for what he considers inefficient operation of the street department. Harrison responded by saying that Partney has "not done one thing for my department."

Partney criticized Harrison for his lack of response to a report last year stating that 30 percent of street department expenditures are for non-productive

on television and in the newspaper," Harrison asked. "I'm not talking about the men. I'm talking about the leadership of the department," Partney said.

Partney said that, while much of the inefficiency in the department is a direct result of contractual obligations over which Harrison has no control, Harrison should report that fact to the council and make recommendations on how best to alleviate the lack of efficiency.

Partney noted that Teamsters Local 525 filed a grievance against the city July 8 as a result of Harrison's handling of the city's brush pickup program.

While the council last month authorized the employment of four temporary workers — as

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## Pumps withstand 2nd crest

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

As the Mississippi River inched toward a record height of 47.1 feet Tuesday night, the electric power went off at the Metro East Sanitary District's North Pump Station.

"It's not one thing, it's another," said MESD President Shang Greathouse. "We got power back to the pumps in about 10 minutes, but the rest of the power stayed off and we had to work in the dark."

But despite the temporary power loss, Greathouse said the MESD weathered the Mississippi's second record-breaking crest in a week without any major problems.

"Not that you'd believe that, listening to the phone calls we get," Greathouse said.

"There are a lot of crazy people out there who find things to get hysterical about."

"Forget that we're protecting billions of dollars worth of property — if there's a puddle somewhere, we're not doing our job."

Greathouse said some minor seepage has sprung up along the levees and that those spots are being closely monitored by both the MESD and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"The Corps says that, as long as the water is clear and it's not great gushes of water, the best thing to do is just leave it alone," Greathouse said.

"If you start sandbagging it, the water just finds somewhere else to come out and you may end up with a bigger problem than you started with."

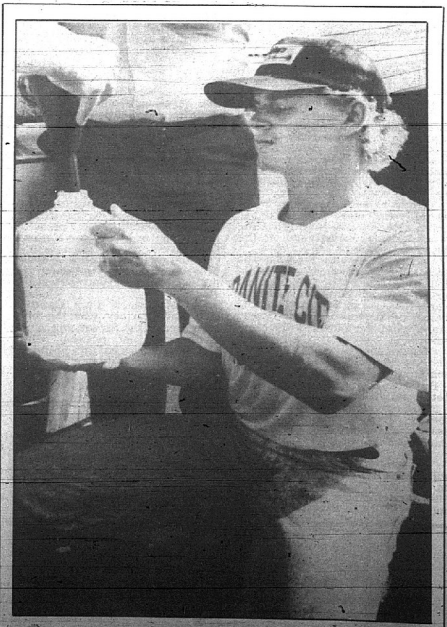
On Wednesday, the Granite City area remained under a boil order from Illinois-American Water Co. and drinking water was being handed out in Venice, Madison and Granite City.

The boil order was expected to remain in effect through today (Thursday).

Although the potential water contamination is a result of Union Electric temporarily cutting power to Illinois-American's pump station on Chouteau Island, Greathouse said callers to his office are blaming the MESD.

"I think I've heard everything, but I know I haven't," he said.

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(Sta. photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)  
Matt Yates fills a jug full of drinking water from a tanker at the Granite City High School parking lot.

## Myers gets national recognition

By Kevin Glenn  
Correspondent

Everybody listen to Mike. That's what a contest judge had to say in awarding the 33rd Annual Golden Quill Award to Mike Myers, editor of the *Press-Record* and *Journal*, this month accepted the award at the 1993 International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors convention in Brookings, South Dakota.

The Golden Quill Award recognizes journalists for the best in opinion writing, selecting one winner a year from a national pool of more than 100 editorial writers, said Richard Lee, executive secretary for ISWNE. A previous nominee for the award, Myers this year was honored as having written the best editorial comment in the nation and Canada.

"People ought to pay attention to him and think," said Joseph Dill, editor of the *Argo* newspaper in Chicago and sole contest judge. "It's OK to get mad at him — I got mad at him."

Myers, a Washington University graduate and five-year veteran of the *Press-Record* and *Journal*, entered the contest as a spotlight for an editorial he wrote in December.

He wrote "Racism real, must be fought" in reaction to a boycott of Granite City schools by 30 African-American parents who were protesting racist treatment.

The editorial pointed out subtle forms of racism practiced daily by those who feel they aren't prejudiced in the least.

"It made a lot of people angry," Myers said. "I was angry because I was accusing them of something they would not want to admit."

Myers gave the example of a person at a stoplight having a nervous reaction to two African-American men listening to loud rap music as they pulled up alongside in a BMW.

Later in the editorial, he compared how white people feel at a restaurant that is economically out of their league to how African-American people feel every day in racism-ingrained white America.

He wrote, "But, while everyone at the restaurant was polite and perfectly willing to take our money, everyone at the restaurant was not willing to take our water to the busboy to the other customers, made it clear they knew we really didn't belong there, and we couldn't help feeling everyone would be a lot happier when we finally left."

"Removing racism from American culture will require daily concentrated effort from the majority of Americans to learn to identify racism and to unlearn racist habits," Dill said he liked the piece because, as part of white Americans, Myers' words made him angry. "I could relate to doing the things he talked about," Dill said, adding that he remembered locking his car doors when driving into minority neighborhoods.

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provided in the union contract — specifically to implement a city-wide brush pickup program, the workers hired were not qualified and were doing work other than brush pickup, Partney said.

Harrison said the temporary employees were doing other jobs, thus allowing full-time workers to concentrate on the brush program.

"Everybody can't be on the front line at one time. My regular men know how to pick up brush without damaging people's yards... As long as the brush is being picked up, I don't understand your complaint," Harrison said.

"No department head wants you as his chairman," Harrison said.

But Partney said he just wants better efficiency. "The Street and Alley Committee is always there for your assistance when you request it," Partney said.

"As long as I am chairman, I will speak my piece, say what's on my mind and try to make this department a vibrant, productive entity in this community."



Mike Myers

"I'm sure he made some people mad and took a lot of grief from it," Dill said. "It took a lot of courage to write."

Myers said he wrote the editorial because he felt strongly that the issue at hand was "something that didn't go away when all the (television) cameras went home" after they covered the event for newscast soundbites. "I just couldn't let it drop that easily."

He added that, as a community newspaper, the *Press-Record* owed a following to the situation. Myers noted in the editorial that Granite City Superintendent of Schools Steve Bales "responded quickly and correctly" to the boycott by meeting with students, parents and the NAACP.

Bales re-read the piece Monday, commenting on how well Myers covered all sides of a complicated, abrasive issue. "The key was, there were no losers" in his writing, Bales said.

"It takes a person who can write editorials to provide leadership," Lee said. "A community needs particularly strong leadership from its newspaper." Dill picked the editorial from 12 finalists dubbed the Golden Dozen.

He happened to read Myers' editorial as one of the first, he said, putting it aside as an example of what he considered winning writing. "I said, 'Somebody beat this one.'"

No one did.

## •Testing

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Before the program was implemented, officers were given the opportunity to "come forward" and admit to a problem, if one existed, and receive treatment.

All officers were tested when the policy went into effect. Although Lengyel said he has the authority to order tests once a month, he may wait as long as three or four months before doing so.

"I throw them out guard," Lengyel said.

Ping-pong balls, each representing an officer, are drawn by union officials in the presence of Lengyel to ensure random selection of officers.

"Penalty-wise, we may be a little different from other departments," Lengyel said.

He said that officers may be given a treatment option for first offenses of abuse of legal

and try to get results for the citizens that they deserve," Partney said.

The confrontation was triggered when Partney called for an amendment to the city's budget, eliminating all funding for the street department.

Partney said that Harrison failed to submit his department's proposed budget to the Street and Alley Committee prior to taking the budget to the Finance Committee.

"I believe that's the way every other committee handled the budgetary process," Partney said.

But Alderman Tom Candler said that Partney was the only member of the Street and Alley Committee not present when Harrison presented his proposed budget to the Finance Committee.

"The horse was already out of the barn," Partney said.

"I was not properly informed, I did not feel it was incumbent upon me to attend (the Finance Committee meeting)."

The no-funding amendment failed by a 9-4 vote. Partney chastised the alderman who voted against the amendment.

## Alderman angry over promotion

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

A Venice alderman is steamed that he had to read about a controversial police promotion in the newspaper more than six months after the fact.

Ward 3 Alderman John Henry Williams was furious after reading an article in the July 15 *Press-Record* in which a police department source is reported to have said that an officer was recently promoted by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, even though Chief James Bennett had suspended the officer earlier in the year for allegedly taking a gun out of evidence.

The source also said that some officers are required to take a drug test before being hired while others are not.

"I'm disappointed that I didn't know about this. As a city official and alderman, I should have been informed of this."

"This is a slap in the face to the city and the whole community if the allegations are true as stated," Williams said last week after reading the article.

"I, as alderman, voted to promote this officer, unknowing of these allegations. If I knew that, I never would have voted for the promotion or the hiring," Williams said.

He said the officer "should have not only been suspended, but fired and the evidence turned over to the state's attorney."

"How can this officer uphold the law if he is breaking the law?" Williams asked.

"If these things are going on in the police department — I'm not going to be involved in any such actions or allegations either in our police department or outside our police department."

"I feel we owe an apology to the citizens of Venice. And I am very disturbed that I had to read in the newspaper in July to find out what happened in January," he said.

Under the police department policy, termination of employment is mandatory for a first offense involving illegal drugs, Lengyel said.

"The policy, refusal to submit to a test is also grounds for termination. The key is to have a clear policy," he said.

IN OTHER ACTION, the council instructed the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to hire two police officers to fill vacancies created by the retirement of former Chief Don Knight in May and the resignation of patrolman Randy Parks Tuesday.

Parks resigned amid administrative charges brought against him by Lengyel. A disciplinary hearing on the charges had been scheduled for Tuesday night, but was subsequently canceled and the charges dropped.

"It is obvious this City Council does not want to be fiscally responsible," Partney said.

"This City Council is sending out a message to every department head to bypass the aldermanic committee and submit his own budget," Partney said, adding that the vote "could come back to haunt this council."

Alderman Jim Miller said that he agrees with Partney that every standing committee should have the opportunity to review departmental budgets, but said that the "love/hate relationship" between Partney and Harrison has been a long-standing affair.

The Street and Alley Committee is at a standstill to discuss the department's budget.

Opposing the amendment were Candler, Miller, Casmer Skubish, Walter Miller, Sandy Crites, Kim Affolter, Nick Petrillo, Bob Shipley and Eddie Asadorian.

Voting for the amendment were Partney, Judy Whitaker, Freddie Frederick and Bob Fager.

Craig Tarpoff and Juanita Crawley were absent.



Granite City citizens line up Tuesday morning for water from milk tankers that brought the water from Collinsville.

## Police log

### Fight precedes arrest

Ben L. Boyette Jr., 22, of the 3100 block of Kirkpatrick Homes, was arrested for five counts of battery at 8:10 p.m. July 18.

Boyette was then charged with aggravated criminal sexual abuse in a felony warrant issued July 19. Bond was set at \$40,000.

Boyette was arrested during a fight in the Kirkpatrick Homes housing project involving about 75 people, according to a police report.

The sexual abuse charge stems from an alleged incident last month with a girl between the ages of 13 and 17 years, according to an information.

### Ticketed on Nameoki

Jacko A. Ferguson, 28, of the 1700 block of Courtenay Avenue was arrested at 2:10 a.m. July 17 and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

An officer reported seeing a red 1989 Mazda pickup truck being driven erratically northbound on Nameoki Road between Mitchell and Primrose avenues.

Ferguson, the driver, took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged. He was released after posting his driver's license and individual bond.

### Possession alleged

James E. Gergen, 31, of the 4100 block of Rode Avenue was arrested at 12:06 a.m. July 20 and charged with unlawful possession of cannabis.

Gergen threw a silver pipe and clear plastic bag, alleged to contain cannabis, to the ground while talking to a police officer on the parking lot at Big Lots, 24 Crossroads Plaza, according to a police report.

He was released from custody on a notice to appear in court.

## Biscopink to lead United Way here

The Tri-Cities Area United Way has named Jerry F. Biscopink as the general chairman of its 1993 fund-raising campaign.

The announcement was made by United Way President Richard Kerner.

"Success is a matter of chemistry. It's not enough to have a good cause, good people, or good luck. You have to have all three and the wisdom to know how to use them," Kerner said.

"Jerry Biscopink possesses that wisdom and we are excited about his commitment to lead our fund campaign."

Biscopink holds the position of plant manager of the Nestle Beverage Company in Granite City.

He has been an active United Way volunteer for 16 years and currently holds positions on the Executive Committee of the United Way Board of Directors and in the Southern Illinois Industrial Association.

He is the current president of the Granite City Ambassadors and serves on the Advisory Committee of St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Biscopink and his wife, Alice, have two daughters, Kelly and Karen.

## Granite City

### Cocaine charges filed

Cynthia M. Cross, 34, of the 200 block of Broadway in Venice, was arrested at the Granite City jail at 6:05 p.m. July 14 on a warrant charging her with unlawful delivery of a controlled substance.

The warrant was obtained by the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois.

Cross had been arrested at 6:35 p.m. the previous day on a warrant charging her with unlawful possession of a controlled substance. Bond on that warrant is \$20,000.

Granite City police allege that Cross possessed less than 15 grams of cocaine on June 18.

### Drug warrant arrest

Don W. Dawson, 31, of the 1900 block of Grand Avenue, was arrested at his home at 12:01 a.m. July 15 on a warrant from the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois charging him with unlawful possession of cannabis with the intent to deliver.

She told police that she emptied the receptacle at 7:48 a.m., took the tub full of mail into the Post Office, dumped it on a counter, and found the gun mixed with the mail.

The mailbox had last been emptied at 6 p.m. the previous day, she told police.

### DUI in pickup charged

Ronald D. Rea II, 27, of the 3100 block of Jill Avenue, was arrested at 2:51 a.m. July 17 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

An officer reported pacing a white 1990 Ford pickup truck at 55 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone on northbound Nameoki Road near Edwards Street.

Rea, the driver, took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged.

### Law practices go through merger

Gary Peel and William Beatty have merged their law practices. The firm, now Peel, Beatty, Walters & Roosevelt, has two offices with locations in Edwardsville at 6100 Center Grove Road, and Granite City at 3717-B Nameoki Road.

The merger combines the strengths of the former practices and enables their firm to offer legal services in a wide variety of areas.

Practicing in the firm are: Gary E. Peel, an Edwardsville resident, has been in practice

### •Water

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"If it has to do with water, these people figure it must be our fault."

The violent storm that knocked out the electricity at the North Pump Station also fueled a host of rumors, Greathouse said, leading to more than 300 telephone calls to his office.

"The power went down and everything else going on, I hear on (a local radio station) that Venice and Brooklyn are being evacuated."

"I took off down there like a bat out of hell to see what was going on. It was a mess, all

### Motorcyclist charged

Kevin S. Littlejohn, 22, of Arlington Drive was arrested at 2 a.m. July 20 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

An officer reported clocking a black 1982 Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle at 65 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone on Edwardsville Road near 12th Street.

Littlejohn, the driver, took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged.

### 'Special' delivery

A U.S. postal worker told Granite City police that she recovered a small-caliber handgun from a mailbox the morning of July 17.

According to a police report, the worker recovered a .25-caliber semi-automatic handgun from a mailbox in front of the Granite City Post Office.

She told police that she emptied the receptacle at 7:48 a.m., took the tub full of mail into the Post Office, dumped it on a counter, and found the gun mixed with the mail.

The mailbox had last been emptied at 6 p.m. the previous day, she told police.

Police checked the gun through a national computer. It had not been reported stolen, according to the police report.

### Released on cash bail

Karen S. Manning, 37, of the 2200 block of Missouri Avenue, was arrested at 2:48 p.m. July 19 and booked for battery.

Manning allegedly scratched the arm of a 19-year-old man and hit him in the chest with her fist in her home, according to a police report.

She was released after posting \$107 bail.

Since 1988, Peel is licensed to practice in Illinois, Missouri and Arizona.

William S. Beatty, a Granite City native, has been in practice since 1976, currently licensed to practice in Illinois and Missouri.

Ernest A. Walters, also a Granite City native, licensed to practice in Illinois since 1974.

Greg E. Roosevelt, of Glen Carbon, licensed in Illinois and Missouri, began his practice in 1976. Roosevelt was formerly the State's Attorney of Logan County, Illinois.

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right — all kinds of rain and no electricity anywhere — but our Venice and Madison pump stations did just fine," he said.

"There was a whole lot of water, all right, but we got rid of it."

After cresting at 47.1 feet at 10 p.m. Tuesday, 17.1 feet over flood stage, the river dropped to 46.9 feet by midnight and remained at about that level Wednesday morning.

"It looks like it's really receding this time," Greathouse said. "Every inch counts now, but I believe we're going to be all right."

**Bob Brockland** would like to introduce the newest member to their staff. **ED BAIN** is a lifetime resident of Granite City with 7 years experience in vehicle sales.

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## City council fails to approve budget

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Granite City leaders are racing the clock to put together a city budget.

A proposed appropriation ordinance failed to garner enough votes to be placed on first reading at Tuesday night's City Council meeting.

If an appropriation ordinance is not adopted by Aug. 1, the city may not levy real estate taxes for the fiscal year of May 1, 1993, to April 30, 1994, City Attorney Leo Konzen said.

The proposed ordinance, which is closely tied to a budget that projects revenue of \$12,743,105 and expenditures of \$13,415,896 for a \$672,791 shortfall, failed by a 6-7 vote.

The revenue side of the budget does not anticipate an increase in the city's property tax rate.

The budgetary shortfall would eat into a surplus of about \$2 million that was on hand May 1, said City Comptroller K.P. MacTaggart.

Because the City Council has scheduled only one regular meeting prior to the Aug. 1 deadline, a special meeting will be called to adopt the ordinance, said Walter Milton, chairman of the Finance Committee.

Alderman Sandy Crites voted against the ordinance and said she will vote against any budget which projects a deficit.

She said she had hoped a professional management review of city operations would be completed prior to adopting the budget.

While the study, being conducted by Melville Associates, is now completed, a final draft will not be available until Aug. 17, Mayor Ron Selph said.

"But most of the recommendations, as I understand it from talking with (Bob) Melville, will be long-term, anyway," Selph added.

Alderman Tom Candler said that, when the study was initially proposed last year, Melville

said it could be completed prior to the April 20 election.

Alderman Kim Affolter said the budget presented "too many ifs."

"It does not provide for (expenses associated with) random drug testing of city employees, the possibility of raises for city employees, and a lot of other items I think will become necessary," Affolter said.

While the city may adopt a supplemental appropriation ordinance later in the year if necessary, many of the aldermen said that the budget should reflect, as accurately as possible, anticipated revenue and expenditures.

Alderman Eddie Asadorian, who also voted against the ordinance, said the budgetary process needs to be refined.

"The process is crammed into a couple of weeks. Department heads should begin budgeting earlier," Asadorian said.

Milton said the process was delayed this year due to the election and the resulting new administration that took office.

Alderman Jim Miller, also on the Finance Committee, said he agrees with Asadorian that the process needs refining, but that it has vastly improved over the last four years.

"There is now a high level of disclosure. I think if you examine the budget closely, you'll find the (expenditure) increases are largely beyond the control of the City Council," Miller said.

He said that sewer break repairs and an arbitrator's ruling on wages for the police department are two such items.

Voting against the ordinance were Crites, Affolter, Asadorian, Judy Whitaker, Dan Partney, Freddie Frederick and Bob Page.

Voting in favor of the appropriation ordinance were Milton, Miller, Candler, Nick Petrillo, Bob Shipley and Casmer Skubish.

Craig Tarpoff and Juanita Crawley were absent.

## Storm scenes

(Staff photos by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

In photo at right, the heating unit from the Venice Gas & Oil garage landed across the street with part of the roof on Tuesday. In middle photo, Melvin Coats, left, and Tom Wallace ride their bicycles in the flooded street in the 1800 block of Delmar Avenue.



In bottom left photo, a semi truck plows through the flooded intersection at Madison Avenue and 16th street on Tuesday. In bottom right photo, Chad Reed, left, and Tony Anderson help Joe Steiner, front right, move his car after it was flooded out at Sixth Street and Edwardsville Road in Madison.



## County detention home gets OK for renovation

By Shay Wessol  
Staff writer

The existing Madison County Detention Home will be renovated.

The County Board voted 26-2 on Wednesday to spend \$1.1 million on the project.

Funded by the county's general fund and a \$500,000 windfall from the state, the project will bring the building up to state codes and add room for six more juvenile residents.

The Illinois attorney general's office had said that lawsuits against the county would be filed if improvements were not made.

The facility, named Haller House, has a leaky roof, inadequate restroom facilities and no fire-fighting sprinklers.

County voters rejected a referendum in April that would have provided \$4 million for a new juvenile detention center.

Board Members Harold Byers of Highland and Richard Worthen of Alton voted against the rehabilitation Tuesday, citing the cost.

"We have other needs," Byers said, referring to a proposed county health department.

"We always seem to have money for everything around this courthouse. We've got money for the morgue and money for the DUI (driving under the influence, crackdown) program."

Worthen said the state had mandated the changes at the detention home without providing the county with money to fix the problems.

By adding the six additional cells, the county can take in juvenile offenders from neighboring counties that do not have detention homes. The county now charges \$70 a day for outside offenders.

But space now used for out-of-county juveniles will be used for classrooms, meaning the county

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—Harold Byers  
Madison County Board

will lose a projected \$63,000 in revenue, according to figures from County Auditor Fred Bathon.

Board members agreed Wednesday that the out-of-county fees would have to be increased to meet county costs. Discussion of the increases is expected later.

"One thing we've got to keep in mind and remember is that, whether we refurbish this detention home or not, the costs don't go away," said Board Member Herbert "Junior" Milton of Granite City.

The cost of transporting the county's juvenile offenders to detention homes in other counties could run into the millions, he said.

William Little of Alton, echoed Milton's reminder and also pointed out that the county has a responsibility to area youths.

"How many people can we get back in society and have them doing right again?" he asked. "Counties are asked to pay sometimes a lot more than they should, but I think we need it."

Renovations to the home should be completed in 1994.

## VFW holds convention

The VFW and Auxiliary Department Convention was held June 22-27 in Rosemont. Auxiliary members elected to office in the district were Margaret Champion as 12th District President and Mary Kay Culkins as Historian and PAC.

Jim Farmer was elected as District Chairman for Americanism and National Home and Jim Champion as District Inspector.

Both are members of Post 1300. Those attending the State Convention from Post 1300 Auxiliary

were Treasurer and 12th District President Margaret Champion, Secretary Mary Kay Culkins, Post 1300 Auxiliary President Mary Pat Farmer, Lois Hansen and Senior Vice President Kathy Cruise.

Post 1300 members attending the Convention were Outgoing Commander Bob Rotter, Incoming Commander Harry Walder, Senior Vice Commander Bill Grable, Trustees Jim Farmer and Bob Able, Charlie Hansen and Herman Cruise.

The next meeting will be held at the Post Home, the second Tuesday in August. All members are welcome.

## 4 changes on Gateway board

The East-West Gateway Coordinating Council has four new members on its board of directors.

St. Louis Mayor Freeman R. Bosley Jr., elected in April, took over the seat held for 12 years by former mayor Vincent C. Schoemehl Jr.

Milton F. Svelanics Jr., chairman of the Bi-State Development Agency, replaces the previous chairman, Robert Furmanek.

Velda Armes, mayor of Troy, serves on the board as a vice president of the Southwestern Illinois Council of Mayors, replacing former O'Fallon Mayor Kristi Vetri.

Lee Berger, mayor pro tem and city councilman from Olivette, Mo., serves on the board because she is president of the St. Louis County Municipal League. She replaces former Town and Country, Mo., Mayor Betty P. Perry.

Also, the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council's Executive Advisory Committee has three new members.

Robert J. Kell, village administrator for Freeburg, has been appointed to the committee by St. Clair County Regional Citizen Larry Reimneck. Bud Klausmeier, city administrator for Troy, has been appointed to the committee by Armes.

Charles Leonard, senior research analyst with Attitude Research Co. of St. Louis, has been appointed by St. Louis County Regional Citizen Leslie Freeman.

The committee, made up largely of government staff, advises the Council's board of directors, which includes the chief-elected officials from the St. Louis and seven adjacent Missouri and Illinois counties.

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## •Storm

(Continued from Page 1A)

Flooding beneath overpasses left many stretches of highway impassable including Illinois 203 south of Eagle Park and Illinois 9 in west Venice and in South Venice near Brooklyn.

Backed-up storm water caused the evacuation of a number of Brooklyn residents including a federal housing project on the eastern side of town.

"I've never seen anything like this," said Madison Mayor John Bellecoff as he helped man the police station telephones Tuesday evening. "It just all came at once."

Bellecoff said the problems were compounded by sightseers and joy riders who were cruising the flooded streets and sending waves of water into homes. Residents ultimately barricaded their streets to stop the traffic.

Madison Police Chief Charlie Bridick said the flooding reminded him of his childhood before Madison installed storm sewers.

"Then the water would be here for weeks," he said. "But now, two or three hours later, it's all gone. It just takes time. Now I just have to figure out how to get the water out of my own basement."

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## Editorials

### Foresight paying dividends

On Oct. 4, 1986, as the Mississippi went nine feet above flood stage, water surged through a failed pump station in East St. Louis, covering two square miles, driving more than 1,200 people from their homes and causing one death.

A post-mortem of the incident showed that the force of the river left a 16-ton steel floodgate twisted and crushed so that it looked just like an aluminum beer can that had been run over by a truck.

Shang Greathouse, president of the Metro East Sanitary District, compared the flood to "a minor heart attack — the kind that tells you that you need to change your lifestyle."

Thus began the drive for a tax increase for the MESD so that, with matching federal grants, the MESD could undergo a \$32 million overhaul. Voters turned down the increase in November 1988, but approved it in February 1989. Although the overhaul is only about three-quarters finished, there is no doubt it is responsible for the minimal local problems with the now-record flooding.

Not that the region has gone unscathed. A boil order remained in effect for this area Wednesday and drinking water was being doled out two gallons at a time.

A storm Tuesday evening dumped more than two inches of rain in 30 minutes, flooded hundreds of basements and left some streets covered with two and three feet of water. But by Wednesday morning, most of the water was gone. The MESD's drainage system worked.

If the rehabilitation had not been done, it would have been a different story — the water would have still been in many places today, tomorrow and in all probability next week and perhaps even next month. And levee floodgates could have been in jeopardy.

Old-timers remember that before Madison installed its storm sewers, summer storms used to leave large swimming holes for weeks at a time. And that was when the Mississippi River was at its normal low water level — not more than 17 feet above flood stage as it was Tuesday.

When voters approved the tax increase they could not have foreseen this year's record flooding. Before it's over, the flooding may prove too much for any man-made precaution and the only hope may be divine intervention.

But so far, while the area has had a taste of disaster, the flood has not swallowed us up. The voters can thank themselves for that.

### Don't delay health-care action

(By U.S. Sen. Paul Simon)

Illinois has almost 12 million people, and 11.2 percent of them, 1,319,737, have no health insurance. Probably another million are worried about losing their health insurance because they are uncertain about their jobs, which provide them health coverage.

Perhaps 3,000,000 have insurance but inadequately covered. If I were to ask those of you who read these lines whether or not you have health insurance, you know the answer.

But if I were to ask how much health insurance you have, you probably could not reply.

We are sure that we're covered or not covered, but whether that coverage is \$100,000 or \$300,000 or \$500,000, most people do not know. But let me ask you a more complicated question: Does your health insurance cover a lung transplant? Some insurance policies pay for that; others do not. I doubt that one out of a thousand people who hold health insurance can answer that question. Yet, it could become vital to the health and financial future of your family.

And that is one of many "technical" questions that most of us can't answer about health insurance.

Hillary Rodham Clinton is not only the President's wife, she has been assigned the huge task of putting together a health-care package that the president can submit to Congress.

We know some of the things that it will cover, but many of the important details have yet to be determined.

For example, the proposal will include health coverage for all Americans and controls. We need both.

But many other important issues, such as how much mental health coverage there will be, or will long-term care be included, are not yet firmly decided.

Originally, the health-care package was to come early in the Clinton Administration. Then it got shifted to May. Now, it is the end of July when the package will be unwrapped, with some people even talking of September or next January.

These may seem like unimportant timing details, but they are not. First, a sound program is needed as soon as possible so that all Americans are protected.

Second, Congress and the American people should have the program early enough so that we can examine it carefully. Consumers and taxpayers, and health-care delivery specialists should all have a voice in shaping the final product.

If the president waits until January, the program will not see the floor of either the House or Senate until the summer of 1994 — far too close to the November elections of next year to provide the careful bipartisan look the proposal should receive.

The good news is that Hillary Rodham Clinton and others are looking at the health program carefully. I have been impressed by her in-depth knowledge in the meetings I have attended.

But the good news could turn sour if we wait too long. A nine-month "pregnancy" on this measure is, at best, long enough — perhaps too long.

Conceived in January of this year, it is soon time for delivery.

### State's new tax has a certain logic

(Alton Telegraph comment)

The 14-cent-per-pack increase in the state cigarette tax is bound to anger many smokers. But we believe the tax, finally approved this month to unlock the long-overdue cigarette tax, is far more fair than the daily tax on nursing home residents it partially replaces.

A \$1.50 daily licensing fee on each nursing home bed was also approved by legislators but nursing home operators are prohibited from passing that along to residents.

Like the unpopular \$6.30-per-day tax on nursing home beds that was allowed to expire, the increased cigarette tax revenue and the new licensing fee will supplement Medicaid reimbursement of health care for the elderly poor.

Even though the cigarette tax increase makes Illinois' tax the highest in the nation, we have to agree with Gov. Jim Edgar that there is a certain logic to it.

Nursing home residents who were paying their own way, and their families, were particularly vexed by the \$6.30 "granny tax."

It seemed inappropriate that those who had the resources to pay for their own care should be singled out for an additional tax to provide care for those who had no means.

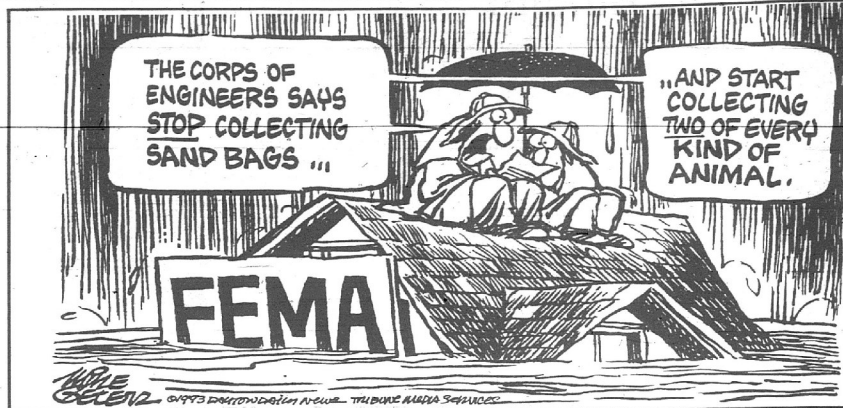
In effect, the tax simply drove the private-pay patients onto the Public Aid rolls all the more quickly.

And while how a new group — smokers — is being singled out to pick up much of that Medicaid burden, Edgar correctly points out that no one can reasonably argue that the medical dangers of smoking are not irreducibly established.

Smoking is therefore an appropriate source of revenue to finance public health care.

Clearly, the most significant drawback of the increased cigarette tax is the risk to business in border areas. Missouri cigarettes taxed at a low 17 cents per pack are already appealing to some area residents and may become more appealing when the Illinois tax rises from 30 cents to 44 cents a pack.

We hope local legislators will hold Edgar to his pledge to step up enforcement to minimize cigarette bootlegging.



## What if sin-tax payers sinned no more?

Carol Clarkin writes this  
Edwardsville Journal column.

Sin's what we're again, right? Whoa, now! Maybe it is and maybe it isn't.

It all depends on definition — and who's doing the defining. One name sinners may be another man's recreation.

I guess all of us would agree that murder and rape and theft are sinful. Hatred of others. Abuse and neglect of children.

The rules that Moses brought down the mountainside have stood time's testing pretty well for most of us.

However, there are some things that people do which, though they might lead to sin, are, in themselves, bad habits but not really quality sins.

Gambling and drinking are among them. Smoking? A health hazard and a bad habit, but sinful? Not in my book.

But that's my opinion and there are those who disagree including some who sit in the hallowed halls of Congress and our state legislature.

The folks who make our laws and set our budgets and raise and spend our tax money. How do we know these fellows think them sinful? Because they say so — they call them "sin taxes" when they raise the taxes on booze and tobacco products.

And if we're making the 20-plus-mile drive across the river for coffin nails, we might as well decide to gas up while we're there. The Missouri tax is only 17 cents per gallon.

It's just a thought, but one which has occurred to many. Over the past decade, our government has been diligent in making us aware of the health risks of tobacco usage. As a result, smoking has become less

### Our guest

Some of the guys smoke or bet a few themselves, so I guess they rank themselves among the sinful. Now, just this month our own legislature voted to raise the cigarette tax by 14 cents, bringing the Illinois tax to 44 cents per pack.

One Southern Illinois legislator who opposed the increase warned it would affect Illinois businesses in those parts of the state that border other states where tobacco taxes are less.

He was speaking of his area, which borders Missouri, Kentucky and Indiana, but he might have been referring to our own, since the Missouri tax is only 17 cents per pack.

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socially acceptable and laws have been enacted to ban it from more and more public places.

Smokers are finding themselves pariahs, relegated to dark cubbyholes, or the price at the far end of the garden path.

Then, there's the sin of gambling. And elected officials from tobacco-growing states lend them a friendly ear.

I'm not sure whether this is hypocritical or paradoxical or just plain mind-blowing.

Then, there's the sin of gambling — which is only sinful when it's illegal. State-approved gambling is okay, though.

So if you enjoy an occasional flyer on the cards and dice, the slot machine or the little ball rolling around the wheel, or numbers pulled almost daily from a drum, you have the state's blessing.

Not just your own state, either. There's tax gold on them that gambling boats and Lotto tickets, so let's finance state operations with them.

I'm not opposed to either gambling casinos or the state lottery. Yet I think we're kidding ourselves if we buy into the theory that they'll save the state's budgetary shortfalls.

The lottery's been around Illinois for some time and, though

it was initially touted as being a godsend to the education fund, we're still in trouble. But then we didn't read the small print on that one very carefully, did we?

Riverboat gambling so far has brought new jobs into some communities, as well as additional money into the coffers of the host cities. But, for the most part, it hasn't proved a bonanza to their local businesses.

Our own area in the bi-state community may rapidly become saturated with the boats. When that happens, some of those boats are going to do less well than others and, like old soldiers, simply fade away.

When the ordinary family sets its own budget, it's pretty simple. There's just so much coming in and so much that has to be spent.

We don't predicate it on a winning lottery ticket or a trifecta coming in.

If our needs outweigh our income, we look to a more common-sense solution. We look for ways to cut back, or another or second job.

One wonders what would happen to state budgets, for example, if all our "sinners" decided to sin no more — no more smoking, drinking or gambling.

It won't happen, of course, but just imagine what a mess it would be.

## Sen. Braun hopes to raise half-million dollars to retire debt

(Washington report by Robert Estill  
of Copley News Service)

Sen. Carol Moseley Braun said she has yet to make a dent in her whopping campaign debt. But the Illinois Democrat expects most of that red ink to disappear before the year is out.

Moseley Braun spent nearly \$6.6 million to win a six-year Senate term last November.

But she finished 1992 with \$543,871 in campaign debts and \$30,144 in cash left over, according to the latest Federal Election Commission report.

Among those owed money are campaign suppliers, consultants and staffers.

In contrast, her Republican rival, Rich Williamson, spent \$2.3 million and ended 1992 with \$172,462 in debts and \$19,788 in cash in the

campaign kitty.

Among all Senate candidates last year, Moseley Braun ranked eighth in fund-raising, ninth in spending and 11th in debts, according to the FEC.

Moseley Braun said she has not been able to raise money because her duties have kept her in the nation's capital.

"I am planning to do some fund-raising during the (current) recess and hope to have this resolved, then certainly make a significant dent in it," the senator said recently.

Historically, election winners rarely have problems paying off their campaign debts.

"I have a long history," Moseley Braun said. "I've always paid my bills in government and politics."

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## Letters

### Top state award to Auxiliary 1126

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to publicly thank the Granite City Press-Record and the Granite City Journal on the excellent news coverage given to Granite City Auxiliary 1126, Fraternal Order of Eagles, during the past year when I served as president.

At our state convention, just held in Peoria, there is a competition and judging of the books prepared during the previous year.

Helen Lipchik was my chairman and you printed everything she submitted in the way of news for our auxiliary. Her meticulously prepared book was awarded a blue ribbon and plaque, and the judges were impressed with the more than 400 inches of space given to our auxiliary news.

Helen Lipchik did an outstanding job as publicity chairman.

A press release of the recent convention has been submitted and it is my hope you will be able to use this information soon to keep our more than 400 members and the community aware of our activities.

The number of awards received by our auxiliary is testimony to the good work our membership does in the name of charity and in giving to our motto — "People helping people."

The new president, Barbara Modrusie, and her publicity chairman, Billie Schuler, will

also be appreciative of good coverage during the next months as the auxiliary continues our charity fund drives.

Again, thank you for the tremendously good coverage.

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## Church planning flood efforts

Maxine Green

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The Better Breathers Club met July 13 in the Wiesman Room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City. David Sheppard, RRT, of SIEMC spoke on living with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and played a video tape explaining various medicines and how to use them for best results. Lunch was served to Jack and Ruth Smith, Frank and Shirley Wendell, Dottie Martin, Elsie Evans, Pearl Kamadulski, Marjorie Hiler, Elsie Stagg, Agnes Martinez, Vicki Harper, Margaret Uitz, Maxine Green, Kenny Lane, Billy Uhis, James Noe, Bill Covel, John Berres, Orval Penner, Dan McDowell, Dave Sheppard, Vickie Klein, respiratory therapist; Paula Genterman, and new members, Jerardine Earhart and Edna Center.

The next meeting will be on Aug. 10 in the Wiesman Room beginning at 1 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Bittick celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday at their Pontoon Beach home. After cutting and sharing the first piece of cake, everyone was served cake and coffee and then treated to an outdoor concert by Mrs. Bittick's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collins Jr. Friends and family helped to celebrate the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Losito and children, Chris, Anne and Laura; Beverly Haley; Lora Wroten, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Matt Sr.; Bill Hoppe Sr.; Ray Douglas; Wendell Jettett Jr.; Deena Dalley and Lydia; Evelyn Mott; Wilma Gramlich; and Lisa Christ.

Mike Corrado Jr. spent the weekend at Lake Yeager, near Litchfield, with his grandparents, Roy and Hilda Higgins and Gary. Others at the campout were his aunts and uncles and their children, including Bob and Vicki Corrado and daughter, Tara; Dean and Judy Odom and sons, Dean and Christopher; Linda and Hilda Burns and sons, Jimmy, Josh, and Randy; David Corrado; and Joe and Mary Corrado and children, Alicia, Angie, Joey and Amanda.

The Women's Missionary Union of First Baptist Church, Granite City, had its meeting Monday evening in the ladies parlor of the church. Nitta Howson opened the meeting with the Watchword and Sharon Losito led the opening prayer. Girls in Action leader, Karen Howard, awarded two year patches to two G.A.S. Amanda Howard and Anne Losito. The ladies are coordinating flood relief efforts for the church and are planning to take collection for the Salvation Army.

A birthday party for Freda Jordan was held Sunday at Ravanelli's. A birthday cake decorated in violet colored icing and purple and white flowers was served. Family members helping her celebrate were her daughter, Louise Baker and Doris Wilson, her husband, Robert; John and Betty Lyerla; Jerry and Sandy Curran and children, Meghan and Timothy; of Edwardsville; Angie Stringman and daughters, Monica and Kimberly Baker of Wood River; Georgia Engle of Elia, Ill.; Paula Baker of Alton; Mr. and Mrs. Ardel Degener, Keith Wilson; Rita and Billy Wilson; and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Douglas. She received many nice presents.

An evening of games and fellowship will be held on Monday, July 26, by the Granite City Senior Social Club at the Granite City Township Hall, 2161 and Delmar Ave. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., cake and coffee will be served and games will start at 7 p.m.

The July meeting of the Ruth Class of the Calvary Baptist Church was held Tuesday at the home of Maxine Hoover. Those present were Eileen Badgett, Dorothy Watkins, Ruth Moser, Norma Ross, Lois Bivens, Pat Wallis, Pauline Hall, Ruth Dagon, Pauline Wets, and Maxine Hoover. Prayer requests were made for Ryden Webster, Elaine Pollock, Flood victims, the John Richele family, John Morris, Boyd Wallis, Grace Cruise, and prayer requests on church prayer list. On July 29, a trip is planned to Klinge House, Edwardsville, leaving the church at noon.

## Sailors' sisters plan benefit for ship's memorial

By John J. Winkelman  
Staff writer

Two Granite City sailors were among the 1,197 men aboard the USS Indianapolis near the end of World War II. The cruiser and 880 of those men are "still at sea."

Only 317 sailors and Marines on the USS Indianapolis were rescued following a submarine attack that sank the ship. The 317 rescued survived more than four days in the Pacific Ocean. Morgan Guenther and Joe Consiglio, both of Granite City, were not among the survivors.

In the years since, the survivors of the ship, their families and the families of the deceased have worked to erect a fitting memorial. The USS Indianapolis (CA-35) Memorial Plaza and Monument is under construction along the new Water Canal in Indianapolis.

Dedication of the monument is slated for July 30, 1993, the 50th anniversary of the Indianapolis sinking. But only about half of the necessary funds have been secured for construction and maintaining the monument, according to the USS Indianapolis (CA-35) Survivors Memorial Organization Inc.

Delores Cavins of Pontoon Beach, sister of Morgan Guenther, attended the survivors' reunion in Indianapolis in 1992 and, along with other members of her family, has planned a benefit to raise funds for the memorial.

The event will be July 31, marking the 49th anniversary, at the AMVETS Hall in Desoto, Mo. Cavins' sister, Joyce Germanceri of Fletcher, Mo., said the event will be attended by survivors of the Indianapolis from as far away as Idaho, Colorado and West Virginia. She said she had been planning the event since January and what started as plans for her family and friends has turned into a national event.

"I just wanted to work as a family to raise some money," Morgan's name was going to be on the memorial, we should do something. If he had survived, he would be out raising money for it," Germanceri said.

So Germanceri said she contacted the wife of one of the

**The July 31 benefit, which will include a band and refreshments, will be from 6 p.m. to midnight. The benefit will open with presentations from the survivors.**

survivors and asked if he would attend to speak at the "family" event.

"She said he'd be glad to do it and hoped we had a lot of room, because there's going to be a crowd of us (survivors and families) coming."

The benefit will begin with a parade at 10 a.m. Germanceri said the ship's bugler, who is one of the 317 survivors, will attend and will play "Taps" at the end of the parade.

"Our brother and many others gave their lives for this country, and we wanted to do our part for them," Cavins said. "If Rush Limbaugh can get 60,000 people for a cookie sale, then we ought to be able to get quite a few for something this important."

The benefit, which will include a band and refreshments, will be held from 6 p.m. to midnight. The benefit will open with presentations from the survivors.

Last year's reunion in Indianapolis was the first opportunity many of the survivors had to meet.

Germanceri said the event was very emotional for the families and for the men, too.

"Once they were at the reunion they found they were able to talk about the tragedy with each other. Some of them had gone all those years, never able to talk about it," Germanceri said.

The reunion also was very emotional for her and her sister. The memory of the event still brings tears to her eyes.

"It was a lot of tears ... and a lot of laughter, too. I'm about to cry now. It's very emotional. We were getting to meet part of our brother's family while he was at sea," she said.

The memorial park and monument include a bridge over a reflecting pool overlooking the flags of the United States, the



An artist's rendering of the USS Indianapolis Memorial Plaza and Monument under construction in Indianapolis. The memorial will be dedicated to the men of the ship, which sank after a submarine attack on July 30, 1945.

Navy and the Marine Corps, symbolic of the bridge on the ship.

Cavins said the bridge is completed but the effort still lacks about \$500,000 to construct the monument and establish a trust fund to maintain the area.

Tax-deductible contributions can be sent to USS Indianapolis Memorial Organization Inc., Heslar Naval Armory, 30th and White River Parkway, Indianapolis, Ind. 46208.

"This is not just for the 82 men who lost their lives on the Indianapolis, but all who lost their lives in World War II," Cavins said.

One event planned for the benefit is a "broom dance," Germanceri said.

For wedding receptions involving the Guenther family, Cavins makes a dance partner for the men from a broom.

During the last reunion, the broom — dressed in formal attire — is passed among the dancers. When the slow music starts, whoever holds the broom has his partner while the others get to dance with their regular



Joe Consiglio



Morgan Guenther

partners. Germanceri said Cavins is making a sailor broom for the women to dance with at the benefit. Her intricate work will then be included with the archives at the USS Indianapolis Memorial along with a placard explaining its origin, Germanceri said.

"She's really working hard to make that perfect," Germanceri said. Cynthia "Jodie" Weidner, the daughter of Joe Consiglio, lives in Granite City. Her mother, Catherine Hakkarinen, lives in Madison. The cost of the benefit is \$15 per couple and \$8 per person.

## Ship has prominent place in U.S. history

By John J. Winkelman  
Staff writer

After delivering its secret cargo to an island in the western Pacific Ocean, the USS Indianapolis stopped at Guam to refuel and receive new orders, which had it headed for the east coast of the Philippine Islands.

The "secret cargo" it had just delivered turned out to be nuclear devices for two atomic bombs that were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, less than two weeks later.

That contribution alone would have secured the cruiser's place in U.S. history books, but her story has a tragic ending.

The USS Indianapolis never arrived for gunnery practice with the USS Idaho east of the Philippines.

At 12:14 a.m. on July 30, 1945, the ship was hit by torpedoes from a Japanese attack submarine. Within about 12 minutes,

the ship rolled over and went down rapidly, bow first.

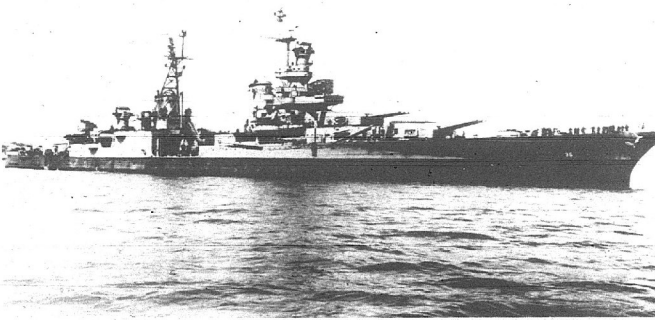
A coded message sent to the USS Idaho before the ship left Guam was received garbled, so the Indianapolis' arrival never was expected.

Because the initial hit knocked out the ship's electrical power, no SOS could be sent before the ship went down.

Survivors estimate that nearly 900 — many burned and severely injured — of the ship's 1,197 men were alive in the open sea as the boat went down. For the next 82 hours, they struggled to survive shark attacks without food and water in a sea coated with fuel and oil.

A pilot on a routine anti-submarine patrol noticed an oil slick and thought a Japanese vessel had just submerged, so he circled for a better look and found the men from the Indianapolis.

Only 317 of the ship's sailors



The USS Indianapolis was the last U.S. Navy vessel lost in World War II. The Indianapolis was the last U.S. Navy vessel lost in World War II. The ship was sunk by a Japanese submarine on July 30, 1945, after delivering atomic bombs to Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The ship was the last U.S. Navy vessel lost in World War II.

## Nothing is childproof, especially your pool

By Kelly Kribben  
Staff writer

When little feet patter along to a backyard swimming pool, parents often assume the danger is gone.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), in a study of residential pool drownings involving children under 5, learned that 46 percent of the victims were 3 years old or younger and 23 percent were last seen in the yard or on the porch or patio.

Before being found in the water, none of these children were expected to be in or around the pool. Furthermore, CPSC investigations revealed that most of the youngsters were being supervised by parents, but they had vanished from sight for only a few minutes.

Annually, more than 200 children under 5 years old accidentally fall into backyard swimming pools and drown, usually at their own home. Additionally, each year more than 2,000 children under 5 nearly drown.

As a result, some of the survivors suffer permanent brain

damage. Health care costs for near-drowning victims typically range from \$75,000 for initial hospital emergency room treatment to \$180,000 a year for long-term care.

Drowning is the leading cause of death of children under 5 years old. Boys between 1 and 3 years old are most vulnerable. Toddlers, in particular, often do something unexpected because their capabilities change daily.

A California mother of twins noticed silence in the house where her children had been playing. As she ran through the house looking for them, she saw the open sliding screen door leading to the pool. She thought she had locked it. Approaching the pool, she saw her 1-year-old sons floating in the water — one face up, one face down. They were unconscious, but they lived.

In New Jersey, a 3-year-old girl went next door to play with friends. Unnoticed by the caretaker, she climbed a ladder to the above-ground swimming pool, slipped through an opening in the fence and drowned. In another incident, a 2-year-old Arizona

boy left his grandmother's kitchen through a pet door and drowned in the backyard pool.

CPSC Commissioner Carol Dawson said, "A temporary lapse in supervision is the common denominator in most submersion incidents, investigated by CPSC. In a matter of minutes, a child can vanish from a parent's sight, reach the pool and fall in."

Dawson refers to drowning as the silent death, for rarely is there a cry for help or the sound of splashing. Children usually drown in the family pool, or one owned by a relative or friend.

"A child can drown in the time it takes a parent or caregiver to answer a telephone, remove clothes from the dryer, or even as a parent is nearby but preoccupied with yard work. Sometimes, a parent is simply distracted from one child to care for another. When a child is submerged in water, seconds become precious in preventing death or permanent brain damage."

## Barriers needed for pools

Based on information that shows a series of events lead to drowning accidents, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission urges parents to complement supervision with protective barriers.

Barriers can restrict access to unsupervised pools. By limiting access to the pool, parents gain time to locate a child who strays from sight. Barriers also protect children from hot tubs and spas. CPSC experts recommend the following barriers:

"Install a fence or other barrier, such as a wall, completely around the pool. If the house is part of the barrier, the doors leading from the house to the pool should be protected with an alarm or the pool should have a power safety cover."

"The fence or other barrier should be at least 4-feet high. It should not have steps or handholds that could help climbing it. Vertical fence slats should be less than 4 inches apart to prevent a child from squeezing through."

"If the fence is chain link, then no part of the diamond-shaped opening should be larger than 1-3/4 inches. Fence gates should be self-closing and self-latching. The gates should be well maintained to close and latch easily. The latch should be out of a child's reach."

"Power safety covers over the pool may be used as an alternative to door alarms. A power safety cover should meet the requirements of the ASTM pool cover standard which addresses labeling requirements and performance."

## Extra funds for schools, services to children

SPRINGFIELD — New tax revenues will soon be coming to Granite City with Gov. Jim Edgar's signature on a new state budget last week.

A permanent state income tax surcharge and higher cigarette taxes, were in the budget approved by Edgar last Wednesday, less than 24 hours after passage by the legislature.

It was the first time since at least 1970, when a new state Constitution took effect, that the budget was signed by a governor with no changes through his amendatory veto power.

Edgar noted all of the items in the nearly \$30 billion, 800-page budget bill had been painstakingly negotiated with legislative leaders before the vote Tuesday night.

He said he was pleased nearly \$200 million more could be found for education this year, and also with a 20 percent increase in the Department of Children and Family Services budget.

The department is under a court order to improve its care of abused and neglected children.

The budget allocation for Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville was expected to include enough money for a 1 percent salary increase for faculty and staff.

Unlike the previous two budgets, this one anticipates no layoffs. Some vacancies won't be filled, however, and 25 additional slots at the Greene County prison boot camp won't be filled despite a request by Edgar.

The Alton Mental Health and Developmental Center will get an increase in staff, from the current 390 to 404. The center's new operating budget will be \$17.3 million, up from \$16.5 million last fiscal year.

The additional people will staff

a new center for patients charged with crimes. Those patients will be transferred from Peoria and Rockford in about two months, department spokesman David Loveday said.

The budget also includes \$13 million to build the center.

Nearly \$100 million saved from the fiscal year that ended June 30 and from improved revenue made this year's budget less painful to negotiate, Edgar said.

The budget adds 14 cents tax to each pack of cigarettes for a total of 44 cents, the highest in the nation. The tax is effective immediately on revenue stamps sold to distributors.

The cigarette tax hike revenue, estimated at \$105 million per year, will help replace the controversial daily \$6.30-per-bed nursing home tax that was collected last fiscal year.

The revenue and federal matching money were used to pay Medicaid bills of elderly low-income residents.

Edgar said, "It is much fairer to assess smokers than the elderly."

The budget immediately imposes a 20 percent wholesale tax on all other tobacco products, including chewing tobacco, cigars and pipe tobacco.

The income tax surcharge makes permanent the rates that have been in effect since July 1, 1989. They are 3 percent for individuals and 4.8 percent for corporations.

Those rates were "temporary," raised two years ago from 2.5 percent on individuals and 4.4 percent on corporations.

Edgar said the legislation fulfilled his 1990 election campaign pledge to make the rates permanent but not to raise other taxes. He insisted on calling the cigarette tax boost "user fees."

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Wisconsin trip planned

The annual three-day trip to New Glarus, Wis., sponsored by the Granite City Park District will be made the weekend of Aug. 20, 21 and 22.

This traditionally is the most popular trip arranged by the park district.

The trip will go on sale at 4 a.m. Thursday, July 29.

New Glarus is in the dairy country of Wisconsin. The little village is compared to one in Switzerland and most of its residents are of Swiss heritage.

The local group will stay at the Chalet Landhaus, a hotel with Swiss architecture and a restaurant headed by a young chef trained in Switzerland. A buffet breakfast and complete authentic Swiss meals will be enjoyed at the hotel during the weekend.

The cost of the trip is \$221.70 for a single room, \$180.75 per person for two in a room, \$167.80 each for three to a room and \$135.85 per person for four to a room.

The cost includes the bus fare, motel, buffet at the Chalet on the trip north, two Swiss meals and the dinner theater event.

The entire amount must be paid at the time of registration. Residents of the park district will have priority, with non-residents placed on a waiting list.

No person can sign up for more than two people or for those in one room. If more information is needed, the Wilson Park Office can be called at 392-3100.

## Hofeld to run for attorney general

By Shay Wessol  
Staff writer

Former U.S. Senate candidate Al Hofeld is expected to announce today, Wednesday, his candidacy for the Illinois attorney general's seat.

At a press conference at the Madison County Courthouse this morning, it was revealed that Hofeld planned to throw his hat into the ring for the state office.

However, a spokesman said not to expect much discussion on Hofeld's campaign platform.

"At this point in the game there really are no issues," said

Randy Barnett, who talked from Hofeld's Chicago campaign headquarters. "It's going to take a development over the next four or five months before the real issues are uncovered."

Hofeld himself was unavailable for comment.

Both Madison and St. Clair counties are seen by campaign strategists as key Democratic strongholds in the state, Barnett said.

"We will be spending a lot of time and effort campaigning in that area," he said, but did not elaborate on what those plans would be.

Hofeld of Chicago boasts 30 years of litigation experience and has served as president of both the Illinois State Bar Association and the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association in the 1980s.

Current Attorney General Roland Burris is campaigning to become the state's first black governor.

The attorney general is the chief legal officer in Illinois, and represents the citizens and all state employees.

The Democratic primary for state offices is set for the third Tuesday in March of next year.

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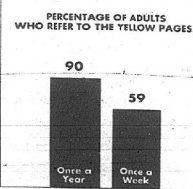
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## Achenbach graduates at West Point

Eric R. Achenbach graduated on May 29 from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

He received a bachelor of science degree in history and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. President Bill Clinton gave the commencement speech.

During his four years at West Point, Achenbach boxed, played lacrosse, and was the leading scorer for the rugby team.

He made the dean's list in his last semester.

He went to Fort Benning, Ga., for Airborne School, then reported July 15 to Fort Rucker, Ala., for Flight School.

He is a 1989 graduate of Granite City High School.

His parents are Philip and Joan Achenbach of Granite City.



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## At-home care

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The last time George Burris had a vacation was five years ago. The reason his wife, Betty, has Parkinson's disease, and Burris would not trust anyone else to take care of her.

"She has hallucinations, and both her hips are broken," he said. "Betty can only get up if I help her."

However, Burris recently managed to go to Florida's Disney World because he entrusted his wife to At-Home Care, a private-duty care service at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, in Granite City.

Colleen Berends, supervisor of At-Home Care, remembers Burris the day he left for Florida.

"I was there at the Burris' home to set up the care plan," she said. "When his ride came, they hooked and the man literally jumped out of his chair. He was so excited."

Burris left for Disney World, Sea World, MGM Studios, and Clearwater Beach with his son and daughter-in-law and returned nine days later.

"I really enjoyed it," he said. "I got to relax a bit. My wife has had Parkinson's disease for 11 years. The last five years, she hasn't been able to take care of the home," he said. "I do the house cleaning, washing, everything. I'm glad I'm able to take care of the home."

Did his wife miss him? "Betty didn't seem to mind," he said. "I think she missed having people from At-Home Care. She grins and talks to them like long-lost friends. I think she didn't realize I was gone that long."

"I was perfectly satisfied with At-Home Care," he said. "I'm just glad that SEMC has something like that I can depend on, with reliable people to come into the house and take care of everything. They even did a great job of cleaning our home."

Burris said he learned about At-Home Care in 1986 when his wife broke her hip and was admitted to the medical center.

Berends said, "We did light housekeeping, personal care, meal preparation, and safety 24 hours a day, on eight-hour shifts for nine days for him. At-



Members of the At-Home Care Unit at St. Elizabeth Medical Center visit George and Betty Burris to discuss his trip to Disneyland. From left to right seated are: Betty Burris and Theresa Stevens. From left standing: George Burris, Debbie Hawk, and Shawneery McIntosh.

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At-Home Care also provides a Respite Care program for the developmentally delayed. For example, clients with Down's Syndrome or Autism. This is provided through a grant from the Rhinoceros Department of Rehabilitation.

When will Burris' next vacation be?

"As soon as my daughter-in-law or son invites me," he said.

## Labor Day parade plans are announced.

The Tri-City chapter of the Greater Madison County Federation of Labor AFL-CIO is preparing for its 12th annual Labor Day parade Monday, Sept. 6.

All GMCF affiliates within the county's and local chapter's jurisdiction are welcome and encouraged to participate, and to notify the parade's co-chairmen of their intent to participate.

Parade units will begin to line up starting at 8 a.m. on Labor Day at Niedringhaus and Edison avenues. The parade will begin promptly at 10 a.m. after units line up on a "first-come, first-served basis."

The marchers and floats will proceed east on Niedringhaus and then north on Madison Avenue, west on 27th Street and

north on State Street, ending at 29th Street.

"We will be giving away trophies, free hot dogs, Pepsi and other refreshments at Wilson Park," a spokesman said.

Affiliated unions are being asked to call Norma or Gary Gaines at 931-1068, Jack Greer at 931-0596, or Roger Hoover at 931-4122 to confirm participation.

### Beta Nu Chapter meets

Beta Nu Chapter of Phi Tau Omega Sorority held its installation of officers July 8 at the Red Lobster Restaurant in Fairview Heights.

At the meeting, a report was given on the national convention held in Kansas City, in June. Those attending the convention were Judy Modrusic, Jane Modrusic, and Catherine Suechele. Installation ceremonies were held for the following for 1993-1994 year: President Judy Modrusic, Vice President Roseann Koelker, Recording Secretary Jane Modrusic, Social Secretary Sally Becherer, Treasurer LaVelle Stephens, Associate Scribe Dorothy Hinson, Historian Eunice Whitsell, and Sergeant-at-Arms Pauline Mersinger.

The next meeting will be Sept. 23 at Dorothy Hinson's home. Others attending were Betty Nugent, Juanita Williams, Marge Nunn, Frances Cowley, Lettie Taylor, Betty Wallace, Norma Hillman, Cindy Yobby, and Catherine Suechele.

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR MIRACLE MANOR - BELLEMORE PLACE STREET LIGHT DISTRICT

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the Miracle Manor - Bellemore Place Street Light District for 1993 will be held on the 3rd day of August, 1993, at 8:00 p.m. at 2228 Dawn, Bellemore Place Addition, Nameki Township, Madison County, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact J. L. Nelson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Miracle Manor - Bellemore Place Street Light District, 2220 Orville, Madison County, Granite City, Illinois 62040; telephone number (618) 797-0310.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 1992 were \$12,196.88.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 1993 are \$19,000.00. This represents a 55.806% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 1992 were \$-0-. This represents a 0% increase over the previous year.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 1993 are \$-0-.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 1992 were \$12,196.88.

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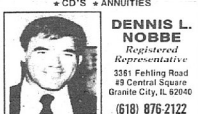
### Divorces

Two marriages of local couples were recently dissolved in the Madison County Third Circuit Court:

Mark T. Arnold, 36, and Barbara A. (Mitchell) Arnold, 38, both of Granite City, were married Jan. 2, 1979.

Hughie O. Williams, 35, of East Alton and Arney L. (Adair) Williams, 33, of Pontoon Beach; married Nov. 30, 1989.

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"The father of minor children may fall behind in his child support payments for a variety of reasons. In some cases, the father may be laid off from his job or he may be ill and unable to work. In other situations, he may make a voluntary decision to stop paying child support even though he could afford to pay. The question often arises in these cases as to whether the father should be held in contempt of court.

Generally speaking, the parent who is ordered to pay support will be held in contempt of court only where there was a "wilful and contumacious refusal" to obey a court order. In other words, the paying spouse must wilfully disobey the court order in order to be held in contempt. The ex-husband will have to show that he had a valid excuse for his failure to pay.

The spouse who fails to pay can avoid being held in contempt if his failure to obey the order was due to poverty, involuntary or other misfortune. However, the defense of poverty and misfortune will be viewed as a valid excuse for nonpayment only in the most extreme cases. If the paying spouse has no

money and no way of getting money to meet his support obligations, he will generally not be held in contempt of court.

In one recent case, a father was ordered to pay \$35 per week per child in child support payments. Over a three-year period, he only made one \$70 payment. He was eventually found in contempt of court and sentenced to six months in jail. However, he was allowed to clear himself of this contempt charge by paying \$12,950 in arrearages.

The father took this case on appeal and argued that he should not be held in contempt since he had been virtually destitute and penniless during the years in question. He claimed that he had not made enough money from 1984 through 1986 to even be able to file income tax returns. The Appellate Court upheld the trial court's finding of contempt.

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## Obituaries

### Frank Foley

Frank J. Foley, 87, of Alton, formerly of Venice, died after a long illness Tuesday, July 20, 1993, at Rosewood Nursing Home, Alton, where he had resided for four years.

Born April 12, 1906, in Venice, he was a retired superintendent at the former General Steel Castings Commonwealth plant in Granite City. He was a member of the Masonic order and the First United Methodist Church of Godfrey.

He is survived by a daughter, Patricia Foley of New York; a sister, Edna McNeilly of Hamburg, Ill.; and three brothers, Thomas of Granite City, Edward of Brighton and Howard Foley of Venice.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maude E. (Fitzgerald) Foley, who died in 1949, and his parents, Fred and Margaret (Ohlendorf) Foley.

He was buried at 4 to 8 tonight at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday by the Rev. Bob Logan. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

### Randall Winter

Randall Alan Winter, 38, of San Francisco, Calif., formerly of Granite City, died at 2 p.m. Friday, July 16, 1993, at his residence after a one-year illness.

He was born Feb. 13, 1955, in East St. Louis and has been a resident of Granite City for 20 years.

He was a broker for the state of California, employed by Charles Schwab and Associates, and a member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Granite City.

Survivors include his parents, Wilmer and Clara (Juenger) Winter of Granite City, and one sister, Diane Bridell of Collinsville.

Memorial services are set for 6 p.m. Sunday at St. John's United Church of Christ, 2901 N. Main St., Granite City. Burial will be private.

Memorials are suggested for St. John's United Church of Christ, Granite City.

### Apparent drowning in Mississippi

A 22-year-old Venice man apparently drowned late Wednesday afternoon in the flooding Mississippi River along the Western edge of the U.S. Army Price Support Center.

Witnesses said the man, Anthony Gatewood, and two

### Roy Hays Sr.

Roy E. Hays Sr., 80, of Granite City died at 12:42 a.m. Wednesday, July 21, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where he had been a patient for one month.

Born Sept. 2, 1912, in Granite City, he was a lifelong local resident. He worked for the Price Support Center (Army Depot) in Granite City. He was of the Baptist faith.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma (Pay) Hays, whom he married Sept. 22, 1934; four daughters, Wilma Tindall, Mary Ann Dean and Gerry Pieper, all of Granite City; and three sons, Roy Jr., of Columbia, Mo., David Madison and Harold Hays of Granite City; one sister, Henrietta Cozart of Mount Olive; 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George David Hays and Annie Elizabeth (Steady) Hays; and one brother, George Hays.

Visitation is 6 to 8 tonight at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, where services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday by the Rev. Fred Winters. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be given to the American Diabetes Association.

### Funeral services

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

**BACHTOLD**, George H., 90, of Collinsville, who was born in Granite City, died Thursday, July 15, 1993, in Collinsville. Services will be held Sunday, July 18, 1993, at 11 a.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ, Collinsville, by the Rev. Dave Stabenteld. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Collinsville. Arrangements were by Herr Funeral Home, Collinsville. Memorials are requested for St. John Cemetery, Collinsville.

**CALAWAY**, Richard, 76, of Stigler, Okla., a retired Illinois State Police sergeant, died Monday, July 19, 1993, at a Stigler hospital. Visitation took place Wednesday at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, where services will be held at 1:30 p.m. today by Bennie Yount. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

**CRNKOVICH**, Joseph J., 69, of Glen Carbon, formerly of Granite City and Madison, died at 11:47 p.m. Thursday, July 15, 1993, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. Visitation was Sunday at Lahey-Sedlack Funeral Home, Madison. Services were held Monday at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Glen Carbon, by the Rev. Steve Pohlman. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Memorials to Salvation Army or St. Cecilia Catholic Church.

**CURTIS**, Nathaniel, 36, of Peoria, formerly of Venice, died Thursday, July 15, 1993, in Peoria. Visitation is 3 to 9 p.m. Friday at Officer Funeral Home, 214 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Church of God in Christ, 800 Bissell St., Venice, by the Rev. James Hunt. Burial will be at Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt.

**DAVIS**, Roger H., 84, of Venice, Fla., formerly of Venice, Ill., a teacher and principal in the Venice School District here for 35 years, died at 10:07 a.m. Saturday, July 17, 1993, in Venice, Fla. Services were held at 11:30 a.m. today at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, by the Rev.

**FETT**, Frederick G., "Fred," 72, of Granite City died at 4:10 p.m. Saturday, July 17, 1993, at home. Services were held Wednesday at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, by the Rev. Rose Hermonat. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Memorials to St. Peter United Church of Christ, Granite City.

**FRANGULIS**, Alvina (Gronwald), 95, a resident of Edwardsville Care Center East and formerly of Granite City, died at 3:10 p.m. Saturday, July 17, 1993, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. Services were held Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. David Fielding. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Memorials to Concordia Lutheran Church, Granite City.

**HEITZMAN**, Thomas J., 73, of Granite City died at 9:07 p.m. Sunday, July 18, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Wednesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Francis Tebargua. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

**KANTOSKY**, Helen M. (Norek), 78, of Fairmont City died at 11:13 p.m. Friday, July 16, 1993, at St. Mary's Hospital, East St. Louis. Services were held Tuesday at St. Mary's Hospital, East St. Louis, by the Rev. Paul Morgan. Burial was at Mount

**KINGSTON**, Eva Elizabeth (Aronson), 91, of Granite City died at 9:25 p.m. Saturday, July 17, 1993, at Meadowbrook Health Care Center, Caseyville. Services were held Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Paul Morgan. Burial was at Mount

**TZINBERG**, Esther, Belleville, formerly of Granite City, died Saturday, July 17, 1993. Graveside services were held Sunday, July 18, 1993, at 11 a.m. at St. John Cemetery, Belleville. Arrangements were by Berger Memorial Funeral Home, St. Louis. Memorials to Hospice of Southern Illinois or the Jewish National Fund.

**TUCKER**, Edward, 66, of Granite City died at 8:30 a.m. Monday, July 19, 1993, at home. Services were held at 9 a.m. today at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Randy Vollmar. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Memorials to Hospice of Madison County, Granite City.

**WINTERS**, Fred, 84, of Granite City died at 8:30 a.m. Monday, July 19, 1993, at home. Services were held at 9 a.m. today at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Randy Vollmar. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Memorials to Hospice of Madison County, Granite City.

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## Perot gives \$1 million to aid flood victims; dangles another

ALTON — After touring flooded areas on both sides of the Mississippi River, Texas billionaire Ross Perot has donated \$1 million to the Salvation Army to help flood victims.

And he promised a second million if donations from private citizens reach \$2 million.

"Right now, we need cash," Perot said at a news conference in St. Louis. "Please send cash now."

Earlier Monday, Perot visited flooded areas of Grafton and West Alton and St. Charles in Missouri. He greeted Salvation Army personnel and dozens of volunteers at the community center at 520 Albany St. in Alton.

At the news conference at the Salvation Army's St. Louis headquarters, he said his four reminders of his childhood growing up on the Red River in Texas.

"These are people just like us," he said. "They're proud people who won't be defeated. The federal government has been quick to respond."

### Trash

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said, the city may have enough left in the budget and "maybe you'll be able to skate" for another year without paying bills for the speed of trash collection.

"It may be one pocket to another, but it needs to be paid," he said. "It would say you should pay the special funds for trash collection and then borrow from them again if you need to pay the bill today."

Grzywacz said it was up to the aldermen to make sure the city's finances were handled in a way that would allow the workers to be recalled.

Alderman Norris Horton, who chaired Wednesday's meeting, was the lone opponent of the collection fee. Horton said the city needs to get out of the trash collection business completely. Only Madison and Venice still operate their own trash collection.

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to the needs of flood victims, but said the American people could do more faster.

"This is a simple program — you don't have to have three analysts, we need cash," he said. "In a matter of days, we can solve the problem."

In Alton, Perot met privately with about 22 Salvation Army volunteers and members of his political organization, United We Stand America. Perot told reporters he came to the area to learn from relief workers and flood victims what they need.

"They told me that, more than anything else, they need cash and we'll focus on that," Perot said. He spoke to reporters here only briefly.

"My aim was to get in and out of town without talking to the press," he said as he left the Alton Salvation Army headquarters.

Salvation Army Commissioner Harold Shoultz, territorial commander for a region that includes the state's most seriously affected by the flood, said,

Perot said, because it is not cost effective.

In five or six years the city will no longer have free dumping at the landfills, Horton said, and "the dumping fees are going to kill."

But Grzywacz and Alderman Fred Newsum argued that the free dumping makes it worthwhile for the city to continue trash collection at least for that period. Both said a collection fee would get more money. I will have to lay off more workers and I will I'm sure as hell not want to issue any rubber checks.

"You've got to have short term planning before you can have long term planning," Newsum said.

"If we don't do something right now we won't have to worry about concessions," Grzywacz said. "We won't have any employees."

At Tuesday's City Council meeting, Grzywacz told the aldermen, "I've given you my ideas. If you have better ones, tell me."

"If we need to discuss it, let's discuss it, but we need to start going on this because if we don't

do something we are going to start having a bigger check."

At the City Council meeting, Mayor John Bellotti said he knew some people were accusing Grzywacz of trying to "steal the thunder" from other aldermen, but said "Ron Grzywacz is not stealing the thunder from anyone."

"We don't have any money. You have been presented with ways of getting more money. We don't get more money. I will have to lay off more workers and I will I'm sure as hell not want to issue any rubber checks."

Alderman John Hamm, who was union Army treasurer Wednesday's meeting, said Tuesday that — if a trash fee is charged — he would like to see some of the money collected put into an account for future needs.

City Attorney Casper Nighswonger said there is no legal way to put money back for the future. He said all forms of tax must be used to meet specific needs and that money can be put aside only for very specific purpose such as capital improvements.

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### Helen Alsop

Helen J. (May) Alsop, 64, of Granite City died at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 21, 1993, at her home after a long illness.

Born Oct. 4, 1928, in Cape Girardeau, Mo., she resided in Tamm, Ill., before moving to Granite City 50 years ago.

She retired in 1989 after more than 20 years as a computer programmer for the federal government. She was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Alsop, whom she married March 12, 1949; one son, John W. Alsop of Granite City; three sisters, Laura Parnley of Detroit, Hazel Carter of Tamm and Gerry Taylor of Granite City; one brother, Kenneth May of Granite City; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James Cecil May and Willow Lois (MacDonald) May, and two brothers and one sister.

Visitation is 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, where services will be held Saturday, July 24, by the Rev. Elwyn Wilkinson officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

### County fair queen chosen Sunday

Miss Madison County Fair Queen 1993 competition will be held Sunday, July 25, at the annual county fair in Highland. There are nine entrants.

Contestants are Renee Straeter of Highland, Mia Hyde of Edwardsville, Stacey Gail of Highland, Jodie Davis of Alton, Rachel Sowers of Edwardsville, Jennifer Petrof of Glen Carbon, Jennifer Frey of Pocahontas, Tonia Levart of Madison and Angela Ainsworth of Collinsville.

## Jobless benefits for flood victims announced by Edgar

Gov. Jim Edgar has announced that Illinois workers who have lost their incomes due to the historic flooding in the state may be eligible for disaster unemployment benefits.

"This step is among the first to bring immediate economic relief to those most affected by the flooding disaster — those who have lost their jobs and their livelihoods," the governor said. "The first benefit checks could be available within a week to help thousands of individuals begin to put their lives back in order."

Federal Disaster Unemployment Assistance benefits are available to persons in presidentially declared disaster areas who, as a result of the flooding, no longer have a job, are unable to reach their place of work, or were going to start work but cannot reach their place of employment.

In addition, people who are self-employed, including farmers and agricultural workers, or who work part-time may also be eligible for disaster benefits.

Workers can be determined eligible for benefits under either the regular unemployment insurance program or the disaster benefits assistance.

The Illinois Department of Employment Security is taking applications for both regular and disaster aid at four centers established in flood-ravaged regions by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and 13 local state unemployment insurance offices.

In addition, the state agency has dispatched a

### Help for flood-related stress

SPRINGFIELD — Mental health agencies are getting ready for the trauma that will be left by receding floodwaters.

Psychologists and counselors with the Alton Mental Health and Developmental Center, Crisis Services Inc., of Wood River and Community Counseling Center of Alton are making arrangements through the American Red Cross, Salvation Army and Call for Help to provide aid.

A few individuals have called the mental health center seeking help with flood-related stress, said Tom Johnson, assistant director.

"Once the water starts to go down and the publicity dies down and people realize what's happened, we're going to have a lot of flood-related stress," Johnson said.

Crisis Services Executive Director Amy Hiltmann said her agency will seek a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide counseling for flood victims.

She said she hoped group therapy could particularly be made available to children whose families lost their homes or livelihoods or suffered other problems from the flood.

In addition to counseling, the Alton Mental Health Center is prepared to provide emergency water in the city if the Illinois American Water Co. plant is knocked out, Johnson said.

He said the center filled its one-million-gallon reserve water tank last week and has about 20,000 gallons in its water tower.

The center took precautions to avoid having to depend on the city water supply but has enough capacity to help out with other needs, such as hospitals or wherever the disaster committee decides are the priorities," Johnson said.

He said some residue was in the million-gallon tank but that laboratory tests so far have indicated the water is not harmful to drink. Patients at the center have been given bottled drinking water, however.

Johnson said water conservation efforts have been implemented to reduce the typical daily use of about 50,000 gallons.

In addition, the center's auditorium and grounds have been offered to the National Guard to accommodate additional troops that may be brought, he said.

The superintendent's residence is being used as temporary living quarters by four or five center employees whose homes are in flooded areas.

Johnson said some nurses from the center have been giving tetanus shots to sandbagging workers, and the center is allowing employees to assist with the disaster during working hours as long as it doesn't disrupt services at the center.

— From the Alton Telegraph

### Trivia

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## Engagements

Eileen Baggot  
and Charles Cler

## Baggot-Cler

Eileen Ann Baggot, daughter of Suzanne and M. Gerard Baggot, and Charles Bernard Cler, son of Bernard and Patricia Cler, have announced their engagement.

Baggot is a graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville with a bachelor's degree in management information systems. She is employed at Union Pacific Technologies as a computer programmer.

Cler is a graduate of Purdue University in Indiana with a master's degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed at IBM as a systems engineer.

The couple is planning a May 21, 1994, wedding at the Old Cathedral, St. Louis.

Robyn Wallace  
and David Varady

## Wallace-Varady

Robyn K. Wallace, daughter of Myron E. and Sharon J. Thompson of Bethalto and the late Frank A. Wallace, and David Varady of Madison, have announced their engagement.

Wallace, of Bethalto, is a 1982 graduate of Civic Memorial High School and is employed by the Old Country Buffet in Florissant as a cashier.

Varady is a 1978 graduate of Madison High School and is employed at Huntco Steel in Madison as an edger operator.

The couple is planning an Aug. 7, 1993, wedding at Vaughn Hill Church of Christ in Rosewood Heights.

Beth Krieschok  
and Clyde Schrage

## Krieschok-Schrage

Beth Krieschok, daughter of Richard and Sharon Krieschok of Madison, and Clyde G. Schrage, son of Sidney and Rose Seals of Durham, N.C., have announced their engagement.

Krieschok, of Madison, is a student at Belleville Area College in the physical therapy program. She is employed by G.S. Robins and Co., St. Louis, as an accounting assistant.

Schrage is employed by Scott Air Force Base Hospital as a dietitian assistant for military personnel.

The couple is planning an Oct. 23, 1993, wedding at St. Dominic's Church in Breese.

Crystal Woods  
and Dale Seals

## Woods-Seals

Crystal Ann Woods, daughter of James and Clara Woods of Granite City, and Dale Seals, son of Sidney and Rose Seals of Durham, N.C., have announced their engagement.

Woods, of Granite City, is a 1993 graduate of Granite City High School.

Seals is employed at Archer Daniels Midland in St. Louis as a millwright.

The couple is planning an Aug. 20, 1993, wedding at Bethel Chapel in Granite City.

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## Weddings

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Jeffrey Isenburgh  
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Carter

Lisa Kay Carter, daughter of George and Shirley Carter of Saybrook, Ill., and Jeffrey Isenburgh, son of Stephen Isenburgh and Jane Isenburgh, both of Granite City, were married May 22, 1993, at Wesley United Methodist Church, Bloomington, by the Rev. Bert Lancaster.

The bride is the granddaughter of Irene Carter of Saybrook. The groom is the grandson of Hugh and Charlotte Wallace of Bloomington and Marie Isenburgh of Granite City.

The maid of honor was Vicki Carter of Saybrook, sister of the bride. The bridesmaid was Lynn Byrne.

The best man was Scott White of Granite City. The groomsmen was Lars Swanson of Bloomington.

Usher was David Carter of Saybrook, the bride's brother.

The guest book was attended by Amy Isenburgh of Granite City, the groom's sister.

The bride, a graduate of Saybrook High School, attended Parkland Community College, Champaign, where she earned an associate degree in business. She is employed by State Farm Insurance Co., Bloomington, as a secretary in the actuarial department.

The groom, a 1987 graduate of Granite City High School, attended Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and Illinois State University, Normal. He is employed by First America, Bloomington, as a loan application clerk.

A reception was held at Miller Park Pavilion, Bloomington, on May 22 and in Granite City at Wade's Clubhouse on June 26. They are residing in Saybrook.

Mr. and Mrs.  
Alvin Sutherland  
Sutherland-  
Nelson

Alisa Dawn Nelson, daughter of William and Karen Nelson of Granite City, and Alvin P. Sutherland, son of Alvin Sutherland Sr. of Indiana and Patsy Wolford of St. Jacob, were married May 22, 1993, at First Assembly of God Church, Granite City.

Maid of honor was Gwen Keen. Bridesmaids were Tracy Nelson, sister of the bride, and Kim Hayek of Normal.

Best man was Rich Smallie. Groomsmen were Travis Keenan and Bryan Sanders.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Illinois State University, Normal, and is employed by County Seat as a manager. She is the granddaughter of Ted and Ruby Overbeck of Granite City.

The groom holds the rank of E2 in the U.S. Navy. A reception was held at the Holiday Inn, Collinsville.

Following a honeymoon in Destin, Fla., the couple will reside in Mobile, Ala., where Sutherland is stationed.

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## Anniversary

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dees of Litchfield celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 3 at a party hosted by their children.

Dees and the former Elizabeth A. Lakatos were married June 12, 1943, at Sacred Heart Parish, Granite City, by the Rev. Michael Costello.

Mr. Dees' parents were Walter and Anna (Evanik) Dees of Edwardsville. Mrs. Dees' parents were Francis "Frank" and Annie (Fedorchak) Lakatos of Granite City.

The honorees became the parents of six sons, Timothy and William Dees, both of Litchfield, Charles Dees of Springfield, Ill., Frank Dees of Altamont, N.Y., Dennis Dees of Essex Junction, Vt., and the late Richard



Mr. and Mrs.  
Roy Dees

Michael Dees.  
They have seven grandchildren.

## Births

## Luke Chomko

John and Robin Chomko of Granite City are announcing the birth of their first child, a boy, born at 4:35 a.m. June 18, 1993, at St. Luke's Hospital.

The baby has been named Luke Michael. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

The maternal grandmother is Judy Epps of Granite City. Paternal grandmother is Millie Chomko of Granite City.

## Laura Craft

Shashana Craft of Granite City is announcing the birth of a daughter, Laura Marian, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces, June 24, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City.

Grandmother is Fay Craft of Granite City.

Laura has three uncles, Andrew Craft, David Craft, and Aaron Craft, all of Granite City;

and one aunt, Andrea Craft of Wentzville.

## Natasha Carkuff

Kim Carkuff of Granite City is announcing the birth of a daughter, Natasha Lin Medina, weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces, June 26, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City.

Grandmother is Barb Carkuff of Granite City.

## Casey Krohne

Charles and Christina Krohne of Granite City are announcing the birth of a son, Casey Edward, weighing 8 pounds, 14 ounces, Feb. 13, 1993, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville.

The mother is the former Christina McDaniel.

Grandparents are James and Joyce Whistler and Cleus and Patti McDaniel, all of Granite City; and Harold Krohne of Alhambra and Barbara Neal of Hartford.

## Zachary Talley

Terry Talley and Christy Marlette, both of Granite City, are announcing the birth of a son, Zachary Austin, weighing 6 pounds, 5 ounces, June 28, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City.

Grandparents are Larry Marlette and Sandy Blaylock, both of Granite City, and Terry and Sherry Talley of Hartford.

## At Touchette

Recent births announced at Touchette Regional Hospital are:

A girl born April 4 to Frances M. Hues of Brooklyn.

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A girl born April 6 to Patricia M. French of Granite City.

A boy born April 12 to Sandra A. Keturakis and Anthony G. Ford, both of Granite City.

A girl born April 21 to Michelle Barnett of Granite City.

A girl born April 27 to Letha I. Major of Granite City.  
Twin girls born May 24 to Cassandra Jones of Brooklyn.

Recent births announced at Memorial Hospital are:

April 16, Laurie and Thomas Jackson, Granite City, a boy.

April 24, Brandy and David Acup, Granite City, a boy.

May 8, Quiana Mitchell, Venice, a boy.

May 11, Lynn Hartley, Madison, a girl.

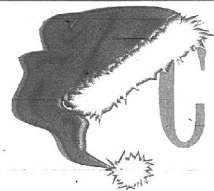
Recent births announced at St. Elizabeth's Hospital are:

March 19, Margaret Castillo and John R. Davis, both of Granite City, a boy.

April 14, Beth and Keith Paris, Granite City, a girl.

April 20, Cindy Womack and Herman Downs, Granite City, a boy.

April 21, Paula and Mike Erby, Granite City, a girl.



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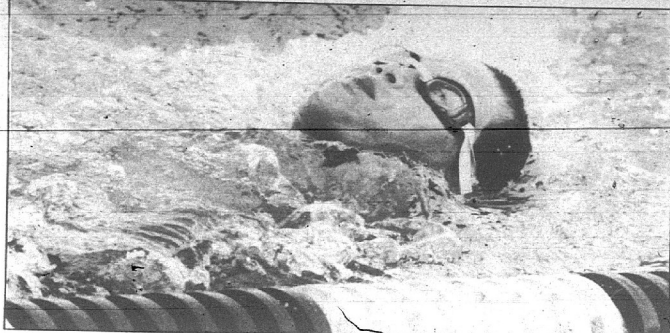
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# Sports

Section B

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 1993  
GRANITE CITY PRESS-RECORD



Scott Schardan, 10, competes in a recent Paddlers meet.

(Photo by T.W. MILLER)

## Paddlers divers unbeaten in duals Uppr age groups to lead swimmers at SWISA

By R.J. Gerber  
Staff writer

The undefeated Paddlers diving team has only two meets left before invading Godfrey for the conference championship July 31, and head coach Gayle McCormick says her squad will be ready.

The diving team will look to conclude the season with a 6-0 dual meet record when it finishes up with two makeup meets next week. On Monday, the Paddlers visit Edwardsville's Sunset Hills. On Tuesday, the team will end the regular season with a home meet against Wedgewood of St. Louis.

The Southwestern Illinois Swimming Association meet will be held at Summersport on July 31, not Saturday as reported in Wednesday's Journal.

"THE YEAR has gone really, really well," said McCormick, who is in her 23rd year as the Paddlers diving coach. "But the dual meets are nothing as far as the conference meet goes. We have a large, strong team and we expect our top divers to do well. Next week, we're really going to hit it hard."

McCormick said with the successful regular season that her squad has had, other teams will be shooting to knock off the Paddlers at the conference meet. But the veteran coach knows it won't be easy to capture the SWISA title.

"The team we're hoping to beat is Godfrey," she said. "They'll be on their home board and I know our kids will be very nervous. They've got the competition in front of them."

"The Paddlers are a very respected team and everyone

expects us to do well. I think the kids have a little more pressure on them."

THE PADDLERS are led by Ashley Slover and Michael Vivod, who are both in the 9-10 age group. Also, Andy Ravanelli and Blake Shephard have both had strong seasons so far, McCormick said.

Other team members expected to perform well at Godfrey include Steve Logan in the 15-over, Tim Krider and Kevin Harris, and Bari Baum in the 13-14 division.

The girls 15-over group includes Brooke Bjorkman and Casey Krinski. In the 8-under division, Jenna Cassidy, Allison Stried and Robbie Steen could all contribute.

"We're undefeated and we've been a top team so you can never be sure," McCormick said. (See PADDLERS, Page 2B)

## Sonsoucie silences Triplets

Lefthander's two-hitter lifts  
O'Fallon past Tri-City, 2-1

By Tony Panozzo  
Staff writer

With time running out in the American Legion District 22 regular season, O'Fallon earned the top overall playoff seed with a hard-fought 2-1 win Wednesday night over the Tri-City Post 113 Triplets.

The victory gave O'Fallon (20-2) the best league record and a possible home-field advantage for the final round of the District 22 playoffs next weekend. The Triplets dropped to 19-3 in league play.

WEDNESDAY WAS the final day for Senior Legion teams to play out the regular-season schedule. Tri-City and O'Fallon entered the makeup game with 19-2 records after O'Fallon was forced to forfeit a game earlier Wednesday against Fairview Heights because of unplayable field conditions.

Although Wednesday night's game was moved to Varsity Field, O'Fallon was the home team. It worked to O'Fallon's advantage in the bottom of the seventh, when the South Division champions managed to push a run across with two outs against Tri-City's Corey Dickerson.

For the North Division champion Triplets, the one-run loss was tougher to take. But the game, a matchup of the league's top two teams, might have also been a preview of things to come.

"We were the best two teams in the district. Hopefully, next weekend we'll get to play them again."

— Gus Lignoul  
Triplets manager

next week.

"It was an excellent baseball game played by both teams," Tri-City manager Gus Lignoul said. "They're a very good team. We were the best two teams in the district."

"Hopefully, next weekend we'll get to play them again (in the finals). We hope we'll be there."

O'FALLON ACE Jeff Sonsoucie, one of the best pitchers in the area, proved to be the difference. Sonsoucie fanned 10 batters through seven innings and allowed the Triplets just two hits—a single by Jeff Luffman in the second inning and a run-scoring single by Les Nunes in the fifth.

Sonsoucie was in command throughout the game. The lefthander outduelled Tri-City starter Ben Hicks and gave up just one walk.

(See TRIPLETS, Page 3B)



(Photo by T.W. MILLER)

Mark Winfield scored the Triplets' only run Wednesday night.

### Junior Legion

Final standings  
North Division

Team	W	L
TRI-CITY	17	6
Alton	13	8
Wood River	12	11
Highland	12	13
Edwardsville	7	13
Roxana	5	17

South Division

Team	W	L
Collinsville	14	9
Calhoun	12	8
O'Fallon	12	8
Belleville	9	11
Belhalla	14	14
Breese	3	11

Scores

Tri-City 9, Edwardsville 6
O'Fallon 4, Tri-City 2
Belleville 4, Tri-City 2

District 22 representatives at the Mickey Mantle Junior Legion state tournament will be O'Fallon, Wood River and Belleville.

### Legion season winding down

Pairings for the District 22 Senior American Legion playoffs will be determined at a league meeting tonight.

WHILE THE Junior Triplets ended their season last weekend, the Triplets have won the North Division and will carry the top seed into next week's double elimination playoffs. The Triplets will begin the playoffs Monday.

If the Triplets make it out of the North playoffs, they will face the winner of the South Division playoffs next weekend. The Triplets have made it to the district finals the past two years, and they advanced to the state tournament in 1991.

The Senior Legion playoffs will begin this weekend with a single elimination round. Both Tri-City and O'Fallon have earned byes and will remain idle until Monday.

### Ups and downs in an elevator

Analyze me if you wish, but whenever I enter a theater the first thing I look for are the exits.

I do not like to close the door of a phone booth whenever I make a call, and I'm not especially wild about the feelings I get in an elevator.



Art Voellinger

IT WAS THE latter that convinced me I'm better off using the steps at the stadium garage west of Busch Stadium, especially after what happened one night after a game in the recent Cardinals Philadelphia series.

Things began rather smoothly in that the Cards won. After crossing the walkway toward the garage, the folks I accompanied

thought it best on a hot, muggy night to take an elevator to the top of the garage rather than walk.

That was an oops. Yet, thanks to employees of the Central Parking System, our becoming locked in an elevator with several other fans was remedied without incident.

After starting from the bottom (See ART, Page 2B)

## Oriole magic

Mitchell-based Khoury team going to state

By Tony Panozzo  
Staff writer

After overwhelming the competition recently at the Central Illinois Khoury District tournament, the Mitchell Athletic Club-Werner Chapel Orioles will try to fly even higher this weekend at the Class D Khoury state tournament in Harrisburg.

The Orioles, a team made up of area youths age 13-14, captured the district title in Belleville last week with two lopsided wins and will represent the Central Region in Harrisburg. The state tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday.

THE MITCHELL SQUAD, which has compiled an overall record of 9-6 this summer, could be peaking. Coach Dave Miskelley said the Orioles were sky-high after winning their district.

The Orioles will be playing against two other teams at state, representatives from the Southern and Southwestern Regions. The winner moves on to national competition.

"We're looking forward to it," Miskelley said. "These kids are walking on air. We're hoping we can make it to the Midget II level."

"We started off slow, but we're about ready to peak. The kids are really playing great ball."

The Orioles dominated their Belleville-based

opponent at the district tournament, Team 15. They were paired against the team twice and came away with 23-2 and 15-1 victories.

IN THE FIRST game, the Orioles batted around twice in the first inning and then batted around again in the second inning. Jason Moat pitched for the win.

"Everybody was so pumped up, it was ridiculous," Miskelley said. "Team 15 didn't really have a chance. It wasn't just offense, we had some great defensive plays."

Miskelley said outfielder Scott Mills made a spectacular diving catch early on in the game, which ended in five innings.

The Orioles then met the same team and won in five innings again. Pitchers David Whittington and Chris Fiala combined for the win.

"THE KIDS PLAYED two real strong games," Miskelley said. "Everything came together."

Sporting a lineup of three pitchers and several strong hitters, the Juvenile I Orioles have been led by a number of players who were on the same team last year at the Midget II level.

Miskelley's son, David, played with teammates Sam Kamphoefner, Ron Langsdorf, Brandon Langsdorf, Scott Mills, coach, Dave Miskelley. Not pictured: Jason Moat.



**Khoury champs** — The Mitchell Athletic Club-Werner Chapel Orioles will play in the state tournament this weekend. Pictured, front row from left, Bobby Bergfeld, David Whittington, Chris Fiala, Josh Carpenter, Curtis Howard, Ron Langsdorf. Second row: David Miskelley, Jason Solomon, Rob Slater, Jeff Skinner, Sam Kamphoefner. Back: Coach Ed Solomon, Mike Cuffey, Brandon Houser, coach Tom Langsdorf, Scott Mills, coach, Dave Miskelley. Not pictured: Jason Moat.

### Trivial matters

1. Who were the pitcher and catcher, respectively, when Lou Brock stole his record-setting 105th base of the 1974 season against the Phillies?

2. Brock got his 3,000th career hit in memorable fashion in 1973, hitting a line drive off the hand of what Chicago Cubs pitcher who had knocked Brock down on the previous pitch?

Answers at right.

### Community Sports Calendar

**Ambush soccer camp**  
The St. Louis Ambush will conduct a soccer training camp from July 26-30 at St. Stephen Catholic Church in Caseyville. The camp, which will be from 6-8 p.m. each day, is open to boys and girls age 5-18.

St. Louis Ambush players and coaches will be on hand at the camp. There will be an excellent camper-instructor ratio. Each camper will receive a T-shirt and one free ticket to the 1993 Ambush home opener.

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### Coming up

**Mitchell back in ring**  
"Smiling" Ed Mitchell (left) of Granite City will attempt to defend his North American kickboxing title Saturday at the Belle-Claire Fairgrounds in Belleville.

**Trivia answers**  
1. Dick Ruthven and Bob Boone were the victimized battery.  
2. Dennis Lamp knocked down, then was knocked down by, the ex-Cub.

- Paddlers

(Continued from Page 1B)

"My philosophy during the summer is for the kids to have fun," Furmanek said. "It's so

**SECONDS SEEM LIKE** minutes in such situations. But by the time a special events manager arrived, I estimated we were in the elevator for five minutes

But I must admit, when the elevator stopped there was no discussion of hits, runs or errors.

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- Triplets

"The other kids look up to them," Miskelley said.

"Another top player is catcher Mike Guffy. He's been playing offensively in the district tournament," Miskelley said.

"He's quite a player," Miskelley said.

"He was really hot," Langsdorf said. "He was screaming the ball."

Other team members include first baseman/outfielder Bobby Howard, pitcher/outfielder Mike Guffy and infielder/outfielder Curtis Howard.

Most of the players know each other from participating in other sports, Miskelley said. Carpendale, Guffy, and Piatella are brothers. Guffy are all select soccer players, and Skinner and Slater play hockey together.

"We're neighborhood kids," Miskelley said. "They're all good athletes. They all work out and they have a good camaraderie."

Another Mitchell Shoury team has been selected for the tournament level. Dave Slaysman, Jr., who will be playing at the second straight year in DuQuoin.

"It doesn't matter what we've done up to this point," Lignoul said. "You have to start all over. You've got to do it all again next week."

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## Horoscope

**Thursday, July 22**  
Sun enters Leo, and Leo begins throwing parties, patting themselves on the back in mutual admiration and enjoying the general applause. For the rest of us mere mortals, today's planetary aspects bring inner uplift and perhaps sunny weather as well. In any event, life was meant to be enjoyed. Are you having fun yet? Do you smile at little children playing on swings? Try it, you'll like it.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 22)** Self-study and home-improvement courses help you get to the top this year; you don't have to be afraid to spend time with yourself. Vacation close to home in August. September shows a mystery revealed. Research possible business decisions in October. By December, you have the independence to make a long-term decision. In '94, stay focused on high-priority issues. Fabulous career growth in February. A hot love affair in April.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** The fast way leads to more errors than it's worth; when all else fails, slow down a tad, and see what kind of results you get. Work off your excess energy by taking a healthful walk or by working out.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** Do more entertaining at home or strengthen family ties some other way. Friends can be like family too. Shop for necessity items. Even if everything isn't perfect, there's still something to be glad about.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)** Others are looking for dependability, not just a ready wit. Jobs connected with service professions are a good place to look for employment. Practical skills help you get ahead in life. Give praise to yourself.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)** You get closer to your goals when collaborating with others headed in the same direction. Finances can grow over the next month. You feel better about yourself when doing something useful.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Blind trust can be a dangerous in today's society; make sure others are able to handle their responsibilities. It's time to break larger projects into smaller ones so you can manage them better.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** One of the secrets of success is to make change and personal growth—as pleasurable as possible. You may still have something to prove to your employer. Your sexuality is about to be unleashed.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** The secret is to do what you love every day and try to improve at least 1 percent. New clothing is a must and will do wonders for your image if you don't spend compulsively. It may be time to cut down on fats.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)** While people are napping, so to speak you have an opportunity to make yourself indispensable at work. Romance with Virgo can be great, once you take the time to warm up to each other.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** The best way to change others is to change yourself first. Getting out of other people's energy even for a short time does wonders for your soul. In other words, take a hike, literally!

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Even if you're not ready to give up smoking, the time is coming, and you'll love the results. Rather than be serious, go for serious results and have fun. You have a keen sense of timing.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Implement a few minor reforms at work, even if it's only rearranging your desk. You have a trip coming that you should plan for now. Others may be better off learning on their own.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Remember to extend the same compassion to yourself as to others. The passive approach may not work if you want to get results. Show others you're not weak or timid; follow through on your plans.



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## 'Weekend at Bernie's II' is dead on arrival

By Harry Hamm  
Correspondent

Perhaps the most worthless sequel of the 1990s is "Weekend at Bernie's II," the follow-up movie to the successful comedy film of summer 1989.

In the original film, Bernie—a crooked financial industries executive played by Terry Kiser—becomes part of a plot to chase down down ill-gotten money after he's murdered.

In "Weekend at Bernie's II," the action starts the day after the original story ended. Bernie is stolen from the morgue and flown in a suitcase to the West Indies in an attempt to obtain the same \$2 million that was the impetus for the greedy goings-on of the first picture.

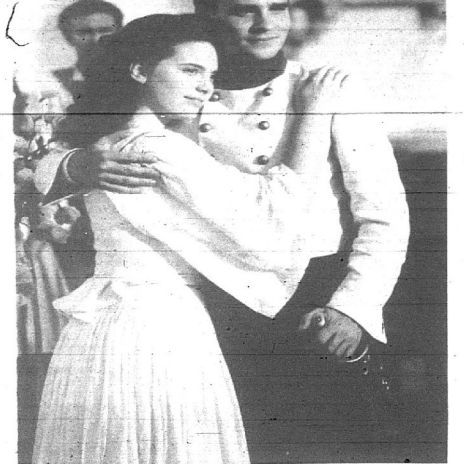
Andrew McCarthy and Jonathan Silverman reprise their

roles from the first picture as two young minions of Bernie's firm who instigate most of the misguided action.

McCarthy and Silverman take Bernie to the West Indies, because they need him to "take" a signature at a bank in order to open a safety deposit box where they think the money is hidden. Bernie is able to move about whenever he hears certain music, thanks to the spell of a local witch doctor.

"Weekend at Bernie's II" is dead-on-arrival as movie entertainment. The only thing it has to recommend is some excellent work by Terry Kiser. It isn't easy playing dead.

This was a lame excuse for a script the first time around. This time out, the situation has deteriorated to the level of pathetic.



Hero (Kate Beckinsale) and Claudio (Robert Sean Leonard) are young lovers, in "Much Ado About Nothing."

## 'Last Action Hero' never reaches action potential

By Harry Hamm  
Correspondent

Arnold Schwarzenegger is going to be in for a rough time with audiences with "The Last Action Hero," a film with a lot of action and comedy potential it never really delivers.

In addition, the script is drawn out and the film's running time is at least 20 minutes too long. Schwarzenegger appears as a movie strong man named Jack Slater. An 11-year-old actor named Austin O'Brien plays Danny, a Jack Slater fan from a single-parent family in New York City. He loves to attend a rundown movie palace operated by a kindly old man named Nick, played by Robert Prosky.

Nick gives Danny a magic ticket, once given to Nick when he was a boy by the magician Houdini. The ticket actually allows Danny to be catapulted into the latest Jack Slater action film when Jack's in the middle of a road chase with some bad guys.

The balance of "The Last Action Hero" is a convoluted science fiction story about how Jack and Danny leave the world of movies and chase one of Jack Slater's villainous bad guys into the real world of current-day New York City, thanks again to the magic ticket.

"The Last Action Hero" has a good cast that includes Academy Award-winner F. Murray Abraham, Art Carney, Anthony Quinn, Mercedes Ruehl, Sir Ian McKellen and Joan Plowright. Unfortunately, all their roles are brief enough to be insignificant.

There are 15 trendy cameo appearances by people like Chevy Chase, Little Richard, Sharon Stone, Jean-Claude Van Damme and Maria Shriver. Schwarzenegger's wife.

The stunt work and explosions are so pervasive to be mind numbing and eventually, unimpressive.

Rated PG-13: intensity of action and some menacing people and situations. Running time: 135 minutes.



Jesse (Jason James Richter) sees Willy (Keiko) respond to his harmonica in "Free Willy."

## 'Free Willy' child star makes first big splash in Hollywood

By Harry Hamm  
Correspondent

The most competitive aspect of the feature film business is the hiring of child actors for starring roles.

Most of the time the youngsters are unproven. Hiring a kid who can't consistently perform can ruin an entire project and waste millions of dollars.

Therefore, it was a 1-in-4,000 chance that 13-year-old actor Jason James Richter was going to land the starring role of Jesse in the new Warner Brothers release, "Free Willy." That's how many — 4,000 — child actors the studio auditioned before they chose Richter, who was 11-years-old at the time of the auditions.

"Free Willy" is the story of a parentless kid (Jesse) from the streets of Seattle who ends up finding a family and a future when he befriends a 7,000 pound killer whale named Willy. The whale was captured in the open seas and is being forced to be the star attraction in an aquatic show at an amusement park.

How did Richter react to the news of his casting? "My mouth just dropped," he said laughingly. "I didn't know what to say or think. I didn't even know if I should really believe it. I was running around the house, whooping and hollering. Then I stopped, looked at my mother and asked if I could go out for a while and play."

Lauren Shuler-Donner, the film's co-producer, said Richter has the "face of trouble, yet he has a sweetness underneath."

"That's exactly what we needed for the role of Jesse. The minute he walked in the room,

he commanded attention," Shuler-Donner said. "I think he's going to be a big star."

Richter got the star treatment in St. Louis during a recent visit to promote his movie. In addition, a chauffeur-driven limo — Richter was accompanied on the press tour by his mother and a contingent of publicists — he was treated to a day at Six Flags Over Mid-America through the courtesy of Jim Kinsey, general manager of AMC's "Walters" theater where "Free Willy" had an invitational screening.

"Free Willy" wasn't Richter's only potential film project two years ago, when the auditions for the film were held. Richter was also one of two finalists for the co-starring role opposite Arnold Schwarzenegger in "The Last Action Hero." The part went to 11-year-old Austin O'Brien, who is a friend of Richter.

Considering how "Hero" has failed to perform at the box office, Richter says he's glad he didn't get the movie.

Richter's next film, "Cops and Robertsons," is due out either this Christmas or spring 1994.

Looking back on the filming of "Free Willy," Richter says he has only one regret. "In addition to the whale we used named Keiko, who played Willy, we had a robot whale that we used when you see me in the water with Willy or riding him. I wanted to ride on Keiko's back, but they said I could get hurt since he weighs so much. That was the only thing that disappointed me about making the picture."

The aquatic scenes with the whale were filmed at Mexico City's Reino Aventura, an aquatic and amusement park.

## Shakespeare's 'Much Ado' recreated with flair, color

By Harry Hamm  
Correspondent

Actor-writer-director Kenneth Branagh has done it again.

In 1989, Branagh made a low-budget but brilliant version of William Shakespeare's "Henry V" that is compared favorably to the classic "Henry V" from 1944 that starred and was directed by Sir Laurence Olivier.

This year, Branagh has released another film adaptation from the Bard, a lusty, adventurous edition of "Much Ado About Nothing" that is funny, romantic, timely and sensitive.

Set in and around a Tuscan villa in the blistering heat of an Italian summer, this period piece starts with a scene of distant riders approaching at a gallop.

It's Don Pedro, played by Denzel Washington, and his army returning victoriously from war. Joining Don Pedro are Benedick (Kenneth Branagh), Don Pedro's half-brother; Don John (Keanu Reeves); and Claudio (Robert Sean Leonard).

The conquering warriors are now concerned with new conquests, conquests that immediately become apparent during the welcoming moments of their return as they glance seductively at the ladies who have awaited them.

The two central romantic targets of this love story are Beatrice, played by Emma Thompson, and Hero, played by Kate Beckinsale.

Michael Keaton plays constable Dogberry, a miscreant who manages to mangle the English language with great if not inadvertent skill.

Branagh's "Much Ado About Nothing" is a fast-moving, intriguing work with a great flair for love and life that is almost intoxicating. The film has an abundance of color, smart performances and the undeniable mark of a great film maker, whose developing talents seem to know no bounds.

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## CHURCH



Lesters members are Dan Pitchers, Ginger Pitchers, Trissa Watson and Brian Lester.

## Lesters in concert here Sunday

Pastor Don Stevens and the congregation of Tri-City Park Tabernacle are inviting the public to join them for a concert by the Lesters from St. Louis on Sunday, July 25.

The concert will be held at the church at 3400 Maryville Road in Granite City beginning at 10:30 a.m. A free-will love offering will be received for the Lesters and nursery services will be provided.

The Lester family has been a stronghold of Gospel music in the St. Louis area for more than 65 years. Their styles incorporate a blend of everything from southern gospel to top 40 country flavor, through soulful black stylings and even a pop sound reminiscent of the Carpenters, all performed in their own inimitable way.

The group is comprised of Brian Lester, lead singer, manager and emcee for the group; Ginger Pitchers, Brian's younger sister who sings alto and plays bass guitar; Ginger's husband, Dan Pitchers, who sings bass and is known for his "Smilin' Dan" wit, comedy and love for people; and Trissa Watson, who brings to the group her own unique soprano style.

Also joining the Lesters are their fourth generations, Dan and Ginger's two children, Jenny and Evan Lee, and Brian and Sandra's son, Jonathan Ryan, who wants to be the next Lester drummer. The kids' part of the concert is always a hit with children.

The Lesters have been successful in radio and television with their own television show, "The Lester Family Sing."

For further information you may call the church office at 931-4500.

## Disaster declared for area

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has designated the counties of Madison, St. Clair and Monroe as federal disaster areas, making their residents eligible for emergency farm and crop loans, U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello (D-IL) said July 13.

"This designation is timely and will help the farmers of these three counties get back on their feet," said Costello, who yesterday named Vice-President Al Gore to expedite disaster declarations at all levels of government.

Early July 13, U.S. Secretary

of Agriculture Mike Espy signed the disaster request. Designation allows farmers of these three counties to apply for emergency Farmers Home Administration loans, emergency food coupons and other aid.

In the last seven days, Costello has toured every county in the 12th Congressional District, talking with local officials and seeing firsthand flood-stricken crop areas of the district.

"Today's announcement will go a long way, however, in easing the struggle for those farmers who have already lost their

land and crops to the flood waters," Costello said.

Today's designation is separate from a Presidential declaration of disaster relief, which authorizes the Federal Emergency Management Agency to offer unemployment compensation, rental reimbursements and other assistance to property owners in flooded areas.

Farmers looking to seek emergency aid should contact the local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office at 618/235-2500 in Belleville.

## Missionary association director named

The Rev. William P. Clark, OMI, has been appointed director of the Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate.

He replaces the Rev. David Kalert, OMI, who has served as director for five years. Kalert recently became the new provincial of the Missionary Oblates' Central United States Province.

Born in East St. Louis, Clark was ordained in Rome in 1955. His priestly ministry includes teaching, administrative and parish and retreat work. From 1976-1985, he was the administrator of the apartment community at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. In 1991, Clark was appointed director of the Shrine. He will continue his ministry as Shrine director in addition to his new responsibilities at the Missionary Association.

The Missionary Association, based in Belleville, was founded in 1940 through the prayers and financial support, association members participate in the Oblates' worldwide ministry among the needy. Various ministries sponsored by the Oblates are based at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, also located in Belleville. Since its opening in 1961, the Shrine has grown to become one of the largest Marian shrines in North America.

## Engaged Encounter convention July 23-25

The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows will be the scene of the annual district convention of the Catholic Engaged Encounter hosted by the Southern Illinois Community.

The three-day event is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 23-25. Catholic Engaged Encounter is an international marriage preparation program sponsored by the Catholic Church. Hundreds of participants, some from as far as Pittsburgh, Pa., will converge on the National Shrine.

The event will feature workshops, seminars and keynote addresses by the area's leading speakers. The Rev. John Pontana, Sister Sue Antonacci and Irene Dill are featured speakers.

As part of the event, child care and activities for school-aged children are provided. The public is invited to attend. Prior registration is required. For more information, contact Dave and Diana Douglas at 624-3765 or Gerry and Ann Bach at 277-1852.

## Free motorcycle courses offered

Free motorcycle courses will be offered at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. Course 11 is Friday, Aug. 12, from 6 to 9:30 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 14-15, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Course 12 is Friday, Aug. 27, from 6 to 9:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 28-29, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Motorcycles, helmets and insurance are provided free. Students enrolling must be 16 years old. Students must also be Illinois residents and possess a valid driver's license or permit. Sixteen and 45 year-olds can use this course to obtain a class M license. For those 16 years old and up, this course will waive the Driver Service Facility's riding test for obtaining a motorcycle license.

For registration or further information on the Motorcycle Riders' Education Program call 1-800-642-0589.

Ray Talley with his wife Wanda and children.

## Ray Talley and family here Sunday

First Assembly of God, 24th and Grand, Granite City, is hosting missionary Ray Talley and his family in the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday.

Rev. Ben Leonard, senior pastor, invites everyone to come and hear of the glorious work of God going on in Columbia, South America.

Ray and Wanda Talley have been missionaries for the past 11 years and have seen God move in a miraculous way throughout Columbia. They have been involved with pioneering churches, pastoring, and training nationals to carry on the work of the Lord.

Rev. Talley, originally from Granite City, will speak at the adult Sunday school classes in the main sanctuary beginning at 9:30 a.m. on the 25th. He will speak again in the morning service beginning at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

For more information regarding the service with the Talley family, call the church office at 451-1200.

## Bible School set at Grace Baptist

Grace Baptist Church, 2600 Edwards St., Granite City, will hold its annual vacation Bible school July 26-30.

The classes will begin each evening at 6:30 and will conclude at 8. Classes will be offered for children four years old through high school seniors.

"Vacation Bible school is one of the highlights of our church year," said the Rev. Dr. Bob Jones, pastor.

## 'Adelines' go to seminar

Seven members of the Gateway Sounds Chapter of Sweet Adelines recently attended a weekend Leadership Seminar at the Doubletree-Riverport in St. Louis.

Attending were: Mona Taylor, president; Jean Bishop, vice president; Dianne Twyford, secretary; Nancy Bowen, Treasurer; Jean Freeman, Bass Chapter Leader; Louise Blew, public relations; and Chrysalis, regional Music Staff member.

The workshop classes, conducted by Sweet Adelines International Faculty Bobbie Dollins and Char Gurney, were targeted to Teamwork, Visioning Strategies, Membership Development, Decision Making, Public Relations and Motivating Chorus Leadership Teams.

Using techniques from seminar classes, Gateway Sounds Chapter is currently working toward increasing its membership. If you are a singer looking for a way to use your musical talents, maybe want to be a front row dancer, an emcee, perhaps a stage set designer or script writer, come visit a chorus rehearsal any Tuesday night, 7:30 p.m. at the Collinsville Senior Center, 420 E. Main and meet the new chorus director, Kevin Nelson. For more information contact Membership Chairman Chairman Sonja, 346-2653 or Louise Blew, 345-1686.

## Exchange students need host families

American host families are being sought for high school students from Western and Eastern Europe, Asia, South America and Australia for the 1993-94 school year in a program sponsored by the U.S. State Department.

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## Shrine to hold healing novena

The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows invites the public to celebrate the 50th Anniversary — Our Lady of the Snows Healing Novena, July 28 through Aug. 5.

The outdoor celebration will be held July 30 - Aug. 1 at the Outdoor Amphitheatre at 7:30 p.m. with the following presiders:

July 30: "Healing of the Family" — the Rev. William Clark, shrine director, and Deacon Gerry Quinn, homilist.  
July 31: "Healing of the Sick, Sacrament of Anointing" — the Rev. David Kalert, missionary association director.

Aug. 1: "Healing of Society, Respect for All Life" — the Rev. James P. Keleher, bishop of Belleville.

The indoor celebration will be held at 7:30 p.m. on July 29 and Aug. 2 at the King Chapel.

Each evening's program will include the celebration of Mass, a Candlelight Procession, the Rosar and music.

For more information contact the Shrine 397-6700 (TTY).

## Armed forces surplus auction

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, Scott Air Force Base, will hold a local auction of government surplus property at 9 a.m. July 27 at the Base Theatre, Bldg. 1674.

Property will be located in Building 441, Scott AFB, and in Warehouse 1, Section 2, C. M. Price Support Center, Granite City. Property may be inspected between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on July 26 at both property sites.

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